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ITEMS

WHITEAWAY'S

EPIC DEFENCE OF GOLDEN BRIDGE BY DEATH SQUAD

THE STUBBORNNESS OF THE CHINESE DEFENCE OF NANCHANG IS REVEALED BY THE FACT THAT CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES DURING THE PAST 96 HOURS HAVE BEEN THE SEVEREST OF ANY ENGAGEMENT IN THE ENTIRE SINO-JAPANESE WAR.

Japanese communiques admit that Japanese losses have been severe, but give no figures.



JAPANESE MECHANISED units, similar to those employed in the capture of Nanchang, entering Kwaiyin City this month.

TOKYO CAMPAIGN AGAINST BRITISH

SHANGHAI, Mar. 27.

THE JAPANESE-CONTROLLED Chinese language newspapers are waging a violent anti-British campaign, such slogans as "Destroy the British Flag," "Boycott British Goods," "Confiscate British Property," and "Drive Out All Britons" being splashed in heavy type on the front pages.

An American missionary from Nanking states that the Japanese-controlled newspapers there are appealing to the employees of British, including the Consulates, to leave their posts.—Reuter.

ATTEMPT TO END CHUNGKING, Mar. 27.

The "New China Daily", the Communist organ here, editorially reviews the latest anti-British move which is being carried out by the Japanese in the occupied zones in China.

It says this move includes the retrocession of the International Settlement in Shanghai and the Kowloon leased territory, the return of Hongkong to China, the boycott of British goods, prohibition of British shipping and the abolition of all British interests and privileges in China.

The immediate goal of the Japanese anti-British movement is the destruction of Sino-British friendship, thus cutting British connections to China.

The eventual objective, the editorial says, will be a Japanese movement to wrest British rights and interests in the Far East into Japanese hands.

THE UP WITH EUROPE.

Primarily, it adds, the movement has nothing to do with the Chinese masses, though the Japanese have encouraged the puppets in Peking. (Continued on Page 4.)

It is claimed, however, that in one day's fighting the Chinese losses were 3,700 dead and 770 were taken prisoners.

An official Japanese communique this morning claimed that the strongly reinforced Chinese defences on the upper reaches of the Siu River have crumbled in the centre and it was stated that at 6 a.m. to-day the Japanese were within four miles of Wuning, the former Chinese G.H.Q.

Taipinghsan and Tangtutou are claimed to have been captured by the Japanese during all-night fighting.

STUBBORN RESISTANCE

The Japanese communiques admit that the Chinese resistance has been surprisingly stubborn.

At no point have the Chinese abandoned their well-fortified trenches and the Japanese advance has been made possible only by the virtual wiping out of Chinese defence positions with point-blank artillery fire and low-flying bombers.

The Chinese Third, Sixteenth, 53rd and 7th Divisions bore the brunt of the Japanese attack.

The Sixteenth Division, which was reorganised following severe losses in the Battle of Tschon last October, has again sustained heavy losses in the defence of the Wuning area.

Unique in History

The Japanese are now in complete control of Nanchang, the rising sun flag being hoisted above the Castle Gate at 6.40 p.m. last night.

Thus, for the first time in history, Nanchang's 900-year-old walls, 22 miles in circumference, have alien flags flying above them.

Since the beginning of the Christian Era Nanchang has never been occupied by an invading force.

The nearest it came to invasion was during the Taiping Rebellion last century.

The Taipings besieged the city for a month but were unable to penetrate the walls.

In the minds of Nanchang residents credit for the city's remarkable record of inviolability is due to the city's great sainted saint, Hsu Chin Yang, who at one time saved the province from flood by killing a dragon snake which was threatening to make the province a part of the Yellow Sea.

Hsu cast the dragon into a well and as a result he was in A.D. 200 deified and made "Universal Lord of Happiness". Many temples in all parts of China are dedicated to him.

Sacrificed Lives

The most thrilling episode in the entire battle for Nanchang is revealed by a Japanese admission of the bravery of a lone Chinese squad, which sacrificed itself in order to dynamite the famous Changcheng (Golden) Bridge across the Kan River.

The Chinese squad barricaded itself inside a concrete pillbox outside the Castle Gate of the city and, with machine guns, commanded all approaches to the bridge while sappers worked under fire to place the dynamite charges.

Repeated efforts by the Japanese to cross the bridge were frustrated by the hail of machine-gun fire.

Tanks were finally brought into action. The tiny Chinese unit was completely wiped out by cannon fire. At the Japanese tanks were crossing the bridge, however, it blew up with a terrific detonation.

The dynamiting of the bridge held up the Japanese advance into Nanchang for ten hours and explains the reason why the railway station was captured at 6 o'clock in (Continued on Page 4.)

£30,000,000 FOR FRANCO

The Spanish Nationalist authorities are seeking to recover some £30,000,000 gold deposited in France by the Republicans.

This is only an estimate. The exact amount deposited is not known.

The Bank of France holds £20,000,000 in bars. This was deposited by the Bank of Spain in 1931 as security for a loan.

Other large amounts have been deposited at various French banks. It is not yet known how much of this has been spent. The remainder will be credited to the Nationalist Government.

Another item is gold and silver seized by the French Customs at Cerbere. It is believed to amount to £1,500,000.

HUNGARIAN SLOVAK DISPUTE

New Move Along Southern Front

BRATISLAVA, Mar. 27.

HUNGARIAN IRREGULARS and Free Corps units are reported to have entered Slovakia today, across the southern frontier at Medzey, where they are attempting to occupy frontier villages.

At the same time the fighting on the eastern frontier is reported to be subsiding.

Negotiations to settle outstanding questions between Hungary and Slovakia began at midday.—Reuter.

REICH "PAINFULLY SURPRISED"

Berlin, Mar. 27.

Political circles are painfully surprised at the reported German-Soviet incident caused by the Polish Western League at the southern end of the Polish Corridor at Bromberg, according to an inspired statement issued to the foreign press to-day, which adds that anti-German riots in Poland are increasing.

A Warsaw message says that it is authoritatively stated that nothing is known of any serious "incident" at Bromberg.

Minor incidents involving Germans and Poles are constantly being reported, but nothing has occurred to justify the language of the Berlin statements.—Reuter.

HUNGARIAN OFFENSIVE

BRATISLAVA, Mar. 27.

A reliable report from Presses states that the Hungarians have launched an offensive in the Michalovce and Sobrance sector.

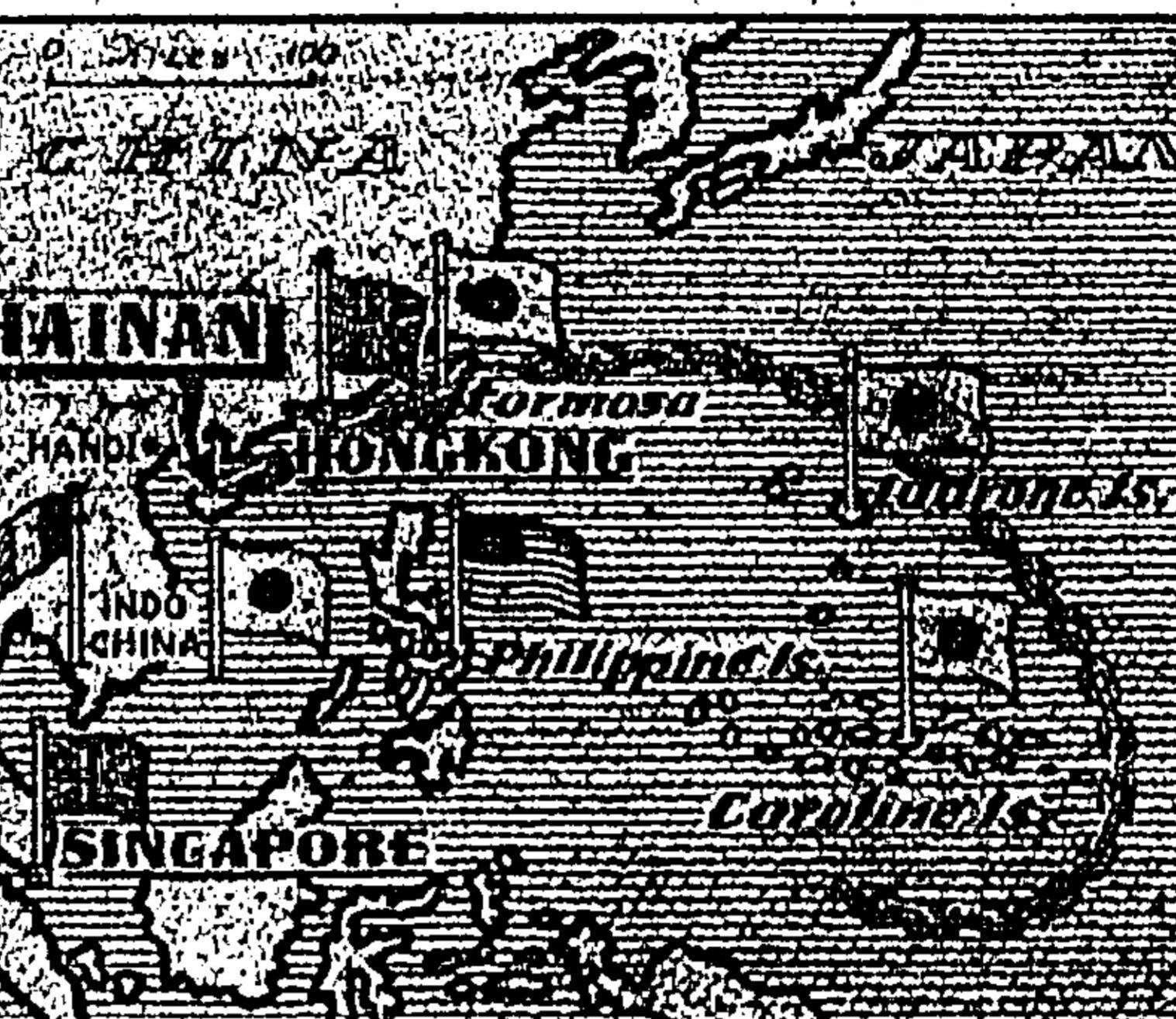
Bombing planes and artillery are being used.

This offensive coincides with the Slovak delegation's departure to Budapest for peace negotiations.

The reports state the offensive was well organised. The bombing planes and artillery first pounded the Slovak defences after which the infantry advanced but were repulsed by the Slovaks.

It is assumed here that this was made as a last effort to advance the Hungarian occupation as far as possible in case the negotiations are broken off.

The Hungarian forces are based primarily on the territory each army holds.—United Press.



With footholds in Hainan, Canton and Formosa, and in her mandated Island in the Ladron and Caro groups, Japan rings the United States outpost in the Philippines, and straddles the route from Singapore to Hong Kong and Shanghai.

DOMINIONS MAY TAKE OVER OWN DEFENCE SERVICE

£10-a-head in Australia

SYDNEY, Mar. 27.

THE FORMIDABLE growth of German dominance in Europe lends heightened importance to the April 14 Defence Conference to be held at Wellington, the New Zealand capital.

Faced with Britain's preoccupation in Europe, both the antipodean Dominions must now reckon more than ever with the imperative necessity of making their own defences self-reliant. The United Kingdom's delegates to Wellington will undoubtedly explore means of assuring the maximum dominion contribution to the security of the British Isles.

Whereas the Dominions would be able largely to trust to their own home sources for food in wartime, Britain herself would be obliged to import 50,000 tons of foodstuffs daily for 365 days a year.

EMPIRE SECURITY

Brussels, Mar. 27.

Britons feel, moreover, that the Dominions owe an important contribution to the safety of the Motherland which provides the Navy for the Empire's security as well as the Imperial Airlines postal and other services at the cost of the British taxpayer.

Canada is regarded as being safe; South Africa is considered capable of repelling any serious raids from Germany or Italy while India is deemed to be out of reach of mass attack from the axis powers.

Australia and New Zealand, although remote from Japan, are nevertheless admitted to be more exposed to bombardment and invasion owing to their long coastlines and isolated positions.—United Press.

DRIVE ON MADRID

Franco's Big Effort To End War

HENDAYE, Mar. 27.

THE NATIONALISTS to-day drove through the Loyalists lines in south and central Spain and prepared to march on Madrid, without any important resistance.

The negotiations for surrender are apparently bogged down because the Defense Council felt they were unable to control the anarchists and others.

According to Nationalist advices the Republican troops are fighting with the civilians in the suburbs of Madrid, demanding the city's immediate surrender.

The Nationalists have announced that General Franco has also opened a new offensive in the Toledo and broken the Republican lines.

It is reported that he has coordinated the Pozoblanco drive in a pincer action against Ciudad Real.—United Press.

DRIVE ON TOLEDO

Burgos, Mar. 27.

General Franco's forces have struck in the Toledo sector.

They claim to have broken the Republican front, and to have penetrated to a considerable depth.

The Republicans are stated to be in disordered flight near the Toledo bridgehead.—Reuter.

ITALIAN AIR CLAIMS

Rome, Mar. 27.

It is officially stated that Italian legionary aviation in Spain has brought down 903 enemy aircraft from the beginning of the Spanish civil war until March 22.

Italian air force losses in Spain during the same period were 59 officers and 233 other ranks, while 68 aircraft were lost.—Reuter Special.

Gold Exports To Czechoslovakia

London, Mar. 27.

The Czechoslovak Restriction on Banking Accounts Bill passed its third reading to-day and received the Royal Assent.—Reuter.

Rebel C. in C. Killed

Shot Dead In Round-Up

JERUSALEM,

Mar. 27.

ABDUL RAHIM, the so-called rebel commander-in-chief, was shot dead while trying to break a cordon thrown round a village near Nablus to-day.

Another report says that the first shooting outrage for some weeks resulted to-day in the serious wounding of a Jew in the Murara quarter of Jerusalem.

A 48-hour stay-at-home order has been imposed in the area.

Another Jew was shot dead in Tiberias, and the curfew was immediately imposed.

A third outrage occurred at Haifa where a Jewish supernumerary constable was fatally wounded when shots were fired at a mail van.—Reuter Special.

LATEST

Missing Plane Returns

Student Pilot Spent Night At Mirs Bay

Just as three Far East Aviation Training School planes, one of which was to have taken a "Telegraph" reporter to search for the missing student, were warming up at Kai Tak Airport this morning, the lost plane was seen streaking for the Colony.

At 10.20 a.m. George Huang, the missing pilot, stepped from his Hornet Moth plane, after being "lost" since 3.15 p.m. yesterday.

He told the "Telegraph" that he had lost his direction owing to bad visibility and had landed on the beach at Mirs Bay at 4.15 p.m.

He spent the night in Mirs Bay and remained there this morning until visibility became good enough for him to take off again for Kai Tak.

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Dissension In Cabinet?

Tory Conference On Thursday

LONDON, Mar. 27.

CONTINUED REPORTS of dissension in the Cabinet are not taken seriously in well-informed Parliamentary quarters, "Reuter" learns.

Consultations regarding the declaration on aggression are proceeding normally, and the Cabinet is solidly behind the Premier on this matter.

No pledge has been given France on the subject of conscription, and no dissension in the Cabinet on the question is apparent.

The foremost matter for consideration at the present is a review of the voluntary national register promised for the end of March.

There are indications that new developments will result, and that a comprehensive scheme for compulsory physical training youth is a possibility.

Ministers intend to pursue every aspect of national organisation that can be fitted into the Premier's pledge that conscription will not be introduced during peace time.

Mr. Nevile Chamberlain,

Here's The Man Who Missed Millions BUILT BRITAIN'S FIRST MOTOR-CAR

FORTUNE KNOCKED— BUT GOT NO REPLY'

Malvern, Worcs.

ALTHOUGH JUST RECOVERED FROM A SERIOUS ILLNESS, CHARLES SANTLER, THE MAN WHO MISSED MILLIONS, THE INVENTIVE GENIUS WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE BUILT BRITAIN'S FIRST MOTOR-CAR, STILL POTES ABOUT IN THE LITTLE ENGINE SHOP HE HAS ERECTED IN HIS PICTURESQUE GARDEN HERE.

White-haired and smiling, he dropped a condenser he was repairing, wiped greasy hands on an oily rag.

"Come along into the house," he welcomed, "and I'll tell you how Fortune knocked twice, but got no reply from me."

Charles led me into his pleasant parlour, dropped into an armchair, told how he invented the free wheel, patented it for four years, and then let it lapse.

"The moment I dropped it," he added, "the cycle makers grabbed. So did the watchmakers, clockmakers and motor-car manufacturers."

Seventy-six-years-old Charles Santler smiled wanly. "But if in that I lost a gold mine, what did I not lose in the motor-car?"

"True I had the sense to manufacture cars but not the head for the financial side of the business."

WORKED ON WHISKY!

It was in his small factory in Malvern Link in '37 that Charles began work on Britain's first horseless carriage.

Built at a time when the steam engine held undisputed sway, it had an even more novel claim to fame. It was probably the only car ever built that liked its little drop out of the bottle. It actually did some of its best mileage on whisky!

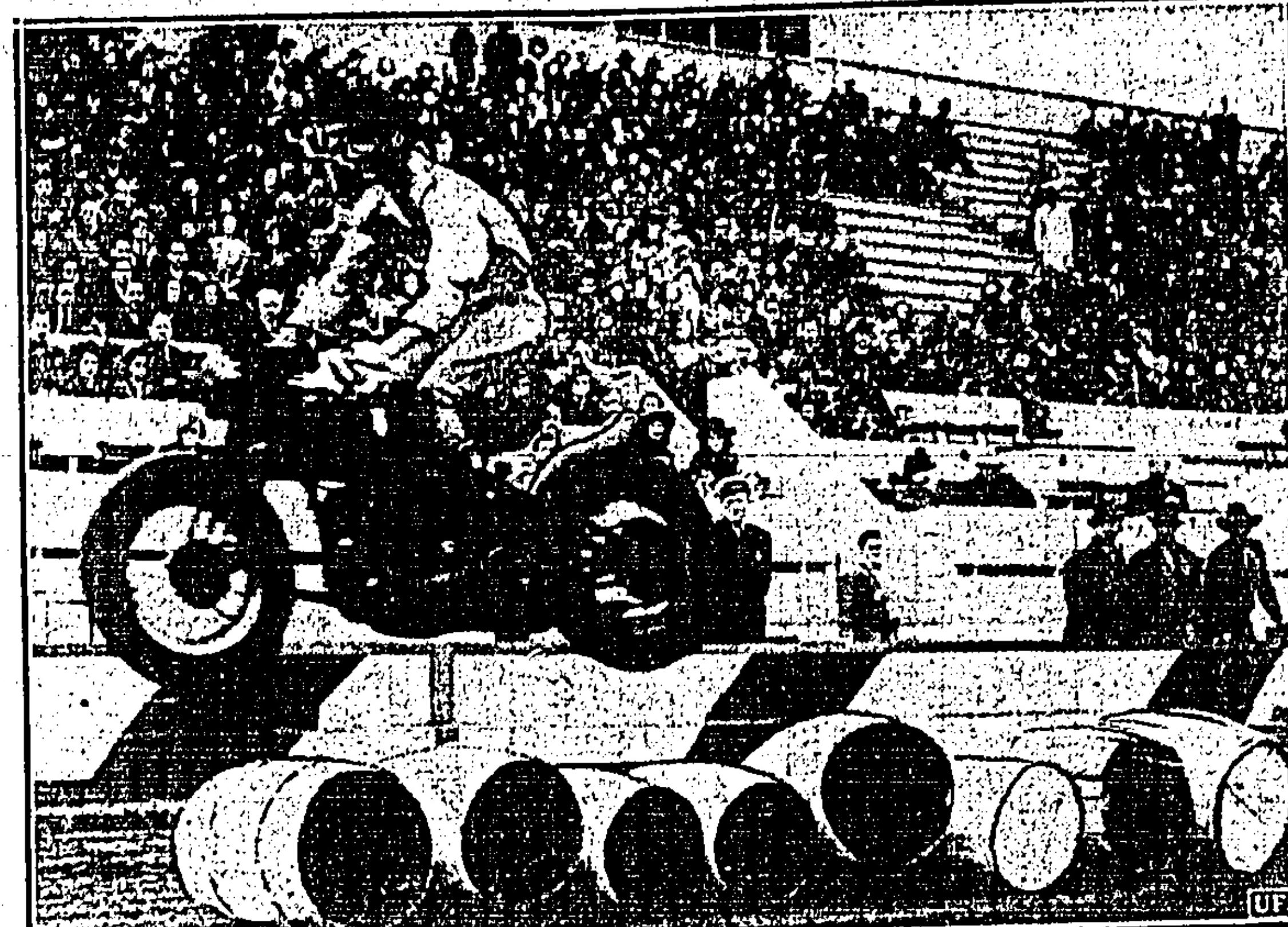
"Yes," chuckled Charles, "many a time I've emptied a couple of bottles of Scotch into the tank in order to get me home."

"An expensive fuel?" Mr. Santler sighed at the memory. "Not very. Whisky was only 33. od. a bottle then."

Britain's first king of the road was two years constructing Malvernia as he called Bone-shaker No. 1—and few people in Malvern knew that history was being made in a workshop close by.

Those who did scoffed at Charles Santler as an optimistic dreamer. But despite their jeers Charles carried on, making every forging and casting himself.

At last came the day when the dream came true. Malvernia, with its high wheels and bravery of men.



The King's Levee At Buckingham Palace

Many names familiar in Naval, Military and Air Force circles in Hongkong are included in the large number of presentations which were made to His Majesty King George VI at a recent Levee held at Buckingham Palace.

The complete list of presentations, which started on Saturday will be published in the "Telegraph" daily this week.

Hart, Second Lieutenant Anthony, The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, on appointment by General Sir Charles Newcome, c.s., c.m.c., d.s.o.

Hart, Second Lieutenant Derek, Supplementary Reserve of Officers, Royal Artillery, on appointment by Major-General Henry Newcome, c.s., c.m.c., d.s.o.

Hart, Second Lieutenant William, The Royal Northumbrian Fusiliers, on appointment by Major-General William Herbert, c.s., c.m.c., d.s.o.

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Hawkins, Second Lieutenant Arthur, Royal Artillery, Territorial Army, on appointment by General Sir Henry Newcome, c.s., c.m.c., d.s.o.

Hawkins, Second Lieutenant John, Royal Artillery, on appointment by Major-General Henry Newcome, c.s., c.m.c., d.s.o.

Hawkins, Second Lieutenant George, Royal Artillery, Territorial Army, on appointment by General Sir Henry Newcome, c.s., c.m.c., d.s.o.

Hawkins, Second Lieutenant Peter, The Gordon Highlanders, on appointment by General Sir Ian Hamilton, c.s., c.m.c., d.s.o.

Hawkins, Second Lieutenant Harold, Royal Artillery, Territorial Army, on appointment by Major-General Henry Newcome, c.s., c.m.c., d.s.o.

Hawkins, Second Lieutenant Vernon, Royal Australian Artillery, Australian Military Forces, on appointment of the Secretary of State for War, c.s., c.m.c., d.s.o.

Hawkins, Second Lieutenant Michael, Royal Engineers, on appointment by Major-General Harry Pritchard, c.s., c.m.c., d.s.o.

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When you haven't anything else to do, why not try to emulate George Dockstader, shown leaping over a stack of barrels with his motorcycle? He did this "death-defying" stunt at a benefit performance given by movie stunt men and women in Los Angeles, to help build a home for injured and indigent comrades.

tary of State for the Home Department.

LAWRENCE, Second Lieutenant Charles, Royal Artillery, Territorial Army, on appointment by Major-General Harry Newcome, c.s., c.m.c., d.s.o.

LEATH, Second Lieutenant Gerald, Royal Artillery, Territorial Army, on appointment by Major-General Harry Newcome, c.s., c.m.c., d.s.o.

LEAZUR, Second Lieutenant John, Irish Guards, on first appointment by Field-Marshal the Earl of Cavan, c.s., c.m.c., d.s.o.

LEVET, Second Lieutenant Arthur, Royal Artillery, Territorial Army, on appointment by his father Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Clive, K.C.V.O., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.

LEVET, Second Lieutenant Michael, Royal Engineers, on appointment by Major-General Harry Pritchard, c.s., c.m.c., d.s.o.

LEVET, Major-General Claude, c.s., c.m.c., d.s.o., on promotion and on appointment as Commander, The London Division.

LEVET, Mr. John, by the Secretary of State for War.

LEVET, Second Lieutenant James, Coldstream Guards, first appointment, by Field Officer in Brigade Walling.

JACKSON, Second Lieutenant George, Royal Artillery, Territorial Army, on appointment by Major-General Harry Newcome, c.s., c.m.c., d.s.o.

JAY, Second Lieutenant Peter, The Gordon Highlanders, on appointment by General Sir Ian Hamilton, c.s., c.m.c., d.s.o.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST OCTOBER, 1938.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 18TH MARCH, 1939, to TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1939.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Thirty-fourth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dowdell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Thursday, the 13th April, 1939, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 29th March to 13th April, 1939, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY LIMITED.

General Managers, Hongkong, 23rd March, 1939.

H. M. DOCKYARD, HONG KONG.

EXAMINATION FOR LOCAL CLERKS.

A limited competitive examination for vacancies for 3rd grade Local Clerks will be held on 11th April, at 9.30 a.m. Candidates must be between the ages of 19-30. Examination will embrace English Essay and Dictation, Arithmetic and Typewriting.

Application for selection to compete must be made in the candidate's own handwriting and should reach the Naval Store Officer, H. M. Dockyard not later than a.m. 1st April.

Two passport photographs of the candidate must be sent with the application.

HONGKONG CLUB

Notice.

The Ninety Fifth Yearly General Meeting of the Members of the Hongkong Club will be held in the Club House on Tuesday, the 28th March, 1939, at 5.30 p.m.

By order,

S. R. KERR, Secretary, Hongkong, 14th March, 1939.

Centenary Postage Stamps For U.K.

London, Mar. 27. On the occasion of the centenary of the introduction of postage stamps into Britain in 1940, the Post Office will issue four commemorative stamps of ½d, 1d, 1½d, and 2½d denominations.

Designs have been invited from 30 artists, and bodies representing the art industry will be asked to advise in connection with the judging of the designs.—Reuter Special.

SHANGHAI, Mar. 27. It has been officially announced that the Soviet Ambassador to Chungking, who was one of the passengers aboard the C.N.A.C. plane "Lanchow" on her maiden flight to Hami and which arrived on Saturday, went to Moscow on short leave. The Soviet Ambassador will report on Soviet-Chinese relations to the Soviet Foreign Minister.—United Press.

EPIC DEFENCE OF GOLDEN BRIDGE BY DEATH SQUAD

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the morning—nine hours before the city itself fell.

Bravery Eulogised

It is believed that this is the first time in the history of the war that the Japanese have given due credit to the bravery of their opponents.

The Japanese report of the incident stresses the bravery of the Chinese who gave their lives in the defence of the city.

Nanchang has been severely damaged by artillery and aerial bombardments and, subsequently, by fire, which is still sweeping the city this morning.

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Trade War In Europe

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despatch a British Commercial Mission.

"The Rumanian Government is still anxious that the mission shall proceed, and of course, that in our intention," declared the Premier.

Rumania's agreement with Germany was in the nature of a comprehensive programme, Mr. Chamberlain continued, and its practical effect in practice would depend on the manner in which its provisions were carried out.

They must await developments before coming to any definite conclusion.

It appeared that Germany would co-operate in the development of existing Rumanian industries, and in the setting up of new ones, particularly in the field of agriculture, forestry and mining.—Reuter.

NO RETRIBUTION

London, Mar. 27.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, answered in the affirmative when asked for an assurance that a review of the position necessitated by the recent changes in the international situation did not involve any retributive economic measures against Germany.

Mr. Butler added that he would give consideration to the suggestion that his statement be included in the German broadcasts from this country in view of the propaganda being made inside Germany to the effect that Britain was endeavouring to secure the economic strangulation of Germany.

NO MEMEL PROTEST

Replying to another question, Mr. Butler stated that His Majesty's Government had made no protest respecting Memel.

Asked whether, in view of the deterioration of the international situation, steps should be taken forthwith to enlarge the British Army, Sir Victor Wetherell said that the requirements in the present situation were under consideration.

Mr. Chamberlain gave a similar reply when asked what alterations were contemplated in defence arrangements.—Reuter.

ROMANIA'S ACTION DEFENDED

Bucharest, Mar. 27.

A defence of Rumania's action in the recent crisis was made by M. Calinescu, the Rumanian Premier, in addressing the Supreme Council of the National Front to-day.

He said that Rumania was determined to defend her territory, and in the recent trade talks with Germany, the question of her independence was not raised, or she would have broken off negotiations.

Last autumn, Rumania was approached and invited to invade Ruthenia, but she refused.

When mobilisation was ordered recently, Rumania notified the Powers that she had decided to defend her territory, and had called several classes to the colours.

M. Gafencu, who followed, said that Rumania's relations with Poland and the Balkan Entente allies had recently been strengthened—the assurances received from Turkey during the recent crisis, and added that Rumania had been surprised by Count Csaky's speech of March 23. He said that Rumania was not frightened by Csaky, and did not intend to follow his type of argument.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S POLICY

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Mr. Chamberlain told the Labour member Mr. Sorenson, that it would not "serve any useful purpose" for him to make contact again with her personally.

He said Rumania had assured Britain that the German trade agreement did not contain any political clause.

Mr. Butler said the Government had not considered the possibility of an economic boycott of Germany. He also said they had not protested against the occupation of Memel.

Now it is time, the paper concluded, for British authorities to "replace their ink and paper protests with actual action against Japan"—United Press.

"CRUSH HONGKONG"

"Japan should have crushed Hongkong with the mailed fist."

This was the theme of a speech made to the Japanese community in Shanghai by a visiting politician from Tokyo—Seigo Nakano, head of the Tohoku party of right-wing Agrarian interests in the Japanese Diet.

Nakano vehemently advocated the use of force by Japan to prevent British ships supplying arms and munitions to China, and then, referring to crushing Hongkong, he said:

"The object of the Japanese campaign in China is not only China, but also Britain and America, who are Japan's real enemies."—United Press.

U.S. APPROPRIATIONS FOR ARMY

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I ASKED MUSSOLINI QUESTIONS...

(Continued from Page 6.)

Q. Suppose you come to blows with France. Have you the resources and raw materials in Italy to wage a war?

A. "We have no great natural resources." (p.216.)

"A country like ours, which has no rich resources in the earth, which has a half of its area represented by mountains, cannot have great economic possibilities." (p.224.)

Q. Are we right to think that your bellicose statements are sometimes bluff, then, and that your actions will, in a real pinch, be governed by economic considerations?

A. "Before me always in my foreign policy is the economic aspect of international problems..."

"It amuses me to be called an anti-pacifist in light of our record of treaty making for peace and for smooth international dealing." (p.206.)

"I consider the corner-stone of all governmental policies is a wise and strong financial policy." (p.216.)

Q. What is your own opinion of war?

A. "War—that female of dreads and fascinations." (p.28.)

"I write of the great war from two points of view—the politics of the world and the reality of the trenches, where I have been and have learned the torture of pain." (p.34.)

"What we suffered the first months—cold, rain, mud, hunger! They did not succeed in dampening in the slightest degree my enthusiasm and my conviction as to the necessity and the inevitability of war." (p.46.)

"I had been the most tenacious believer in the war. I had fought with all my warm soul of Italian and soldier. I lived the joy of victory... Until the time when a nation has the right of sitting with proud head among other nations the surest sign of its strength, the highest title of its nobility, the vital food needed to reach greatness will always be given by those who have shed their blood and laid down their lives for their immortal country.

"These are the marks that the war made upon one's body, one's mind, and one's soul.

"Above all, it gave to one who was still young an understanding of the essence of mankind." (p.56.)

From Benito Mussolini's "My Autobiography," published by Hutchinson in 1928.

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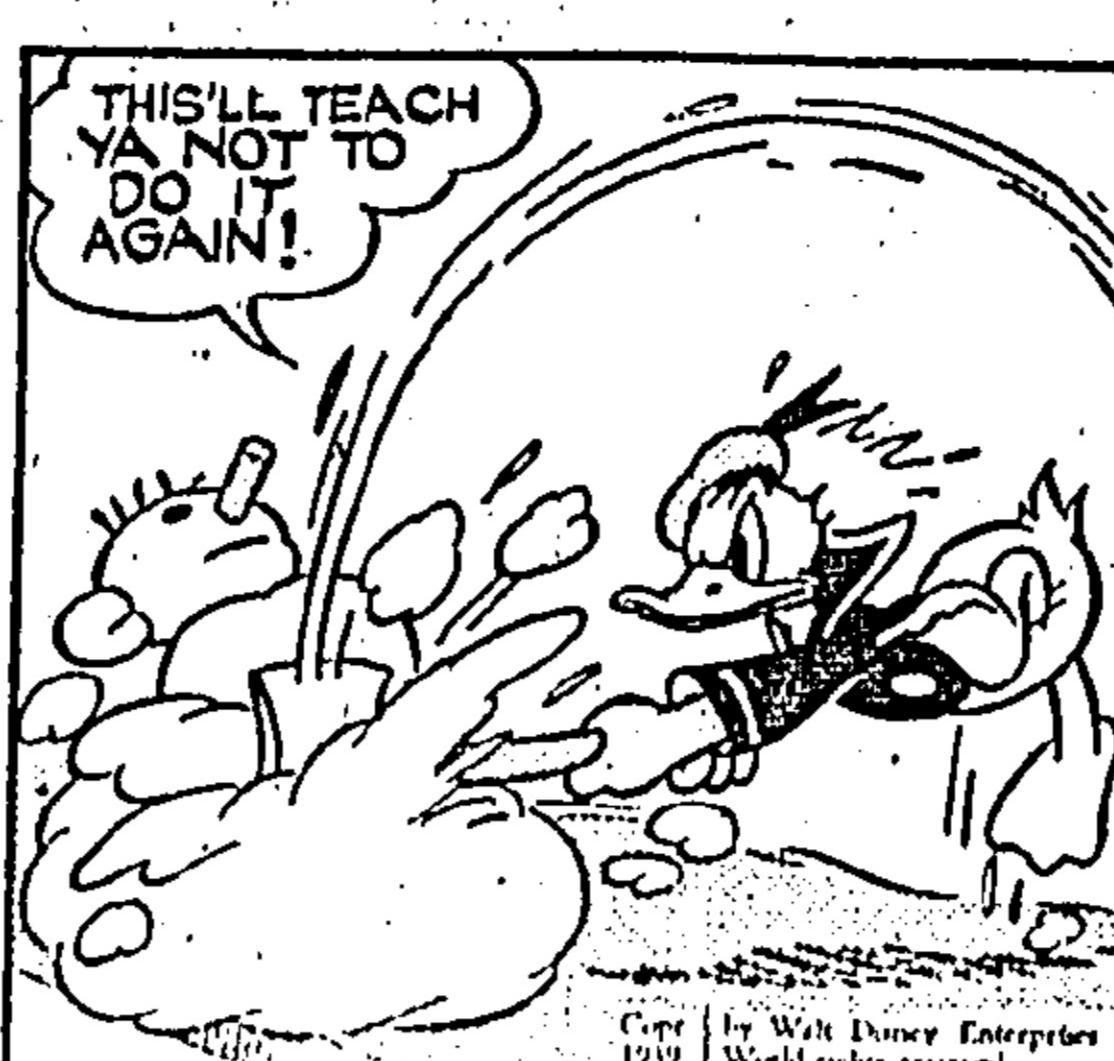
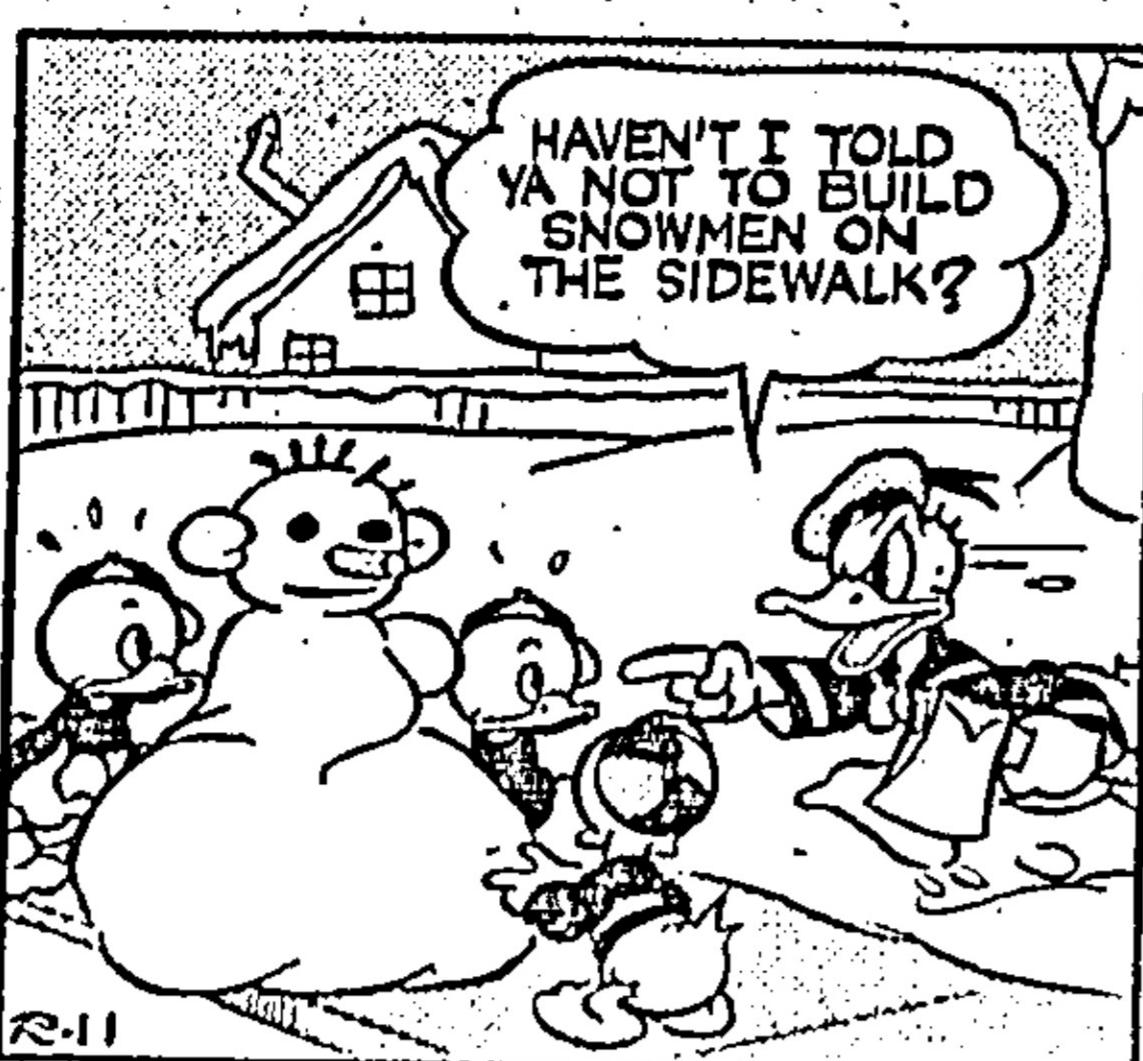
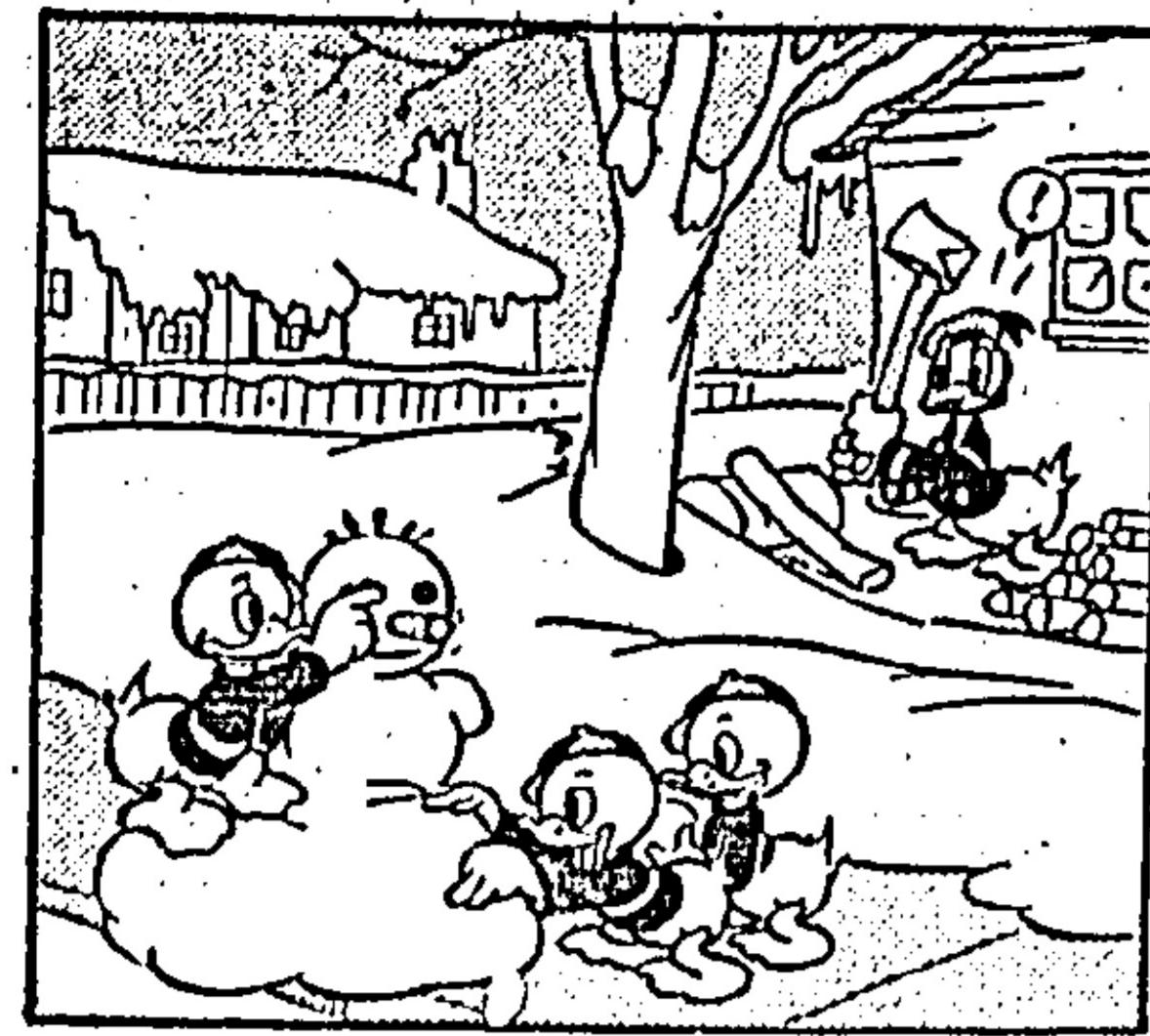
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Rise In Navy Estimates

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Walker-on-Tyne, and Messrs. Cammell Laird and Co., Limited, Birkenhead. Aircraft Carriers

1934 PROGRAMME

The Ark Royal, constructed by Messrs. Cammell Laird and Co., Limited, was completed in November, 1938.

1935 PROGRAMME

Construction of the Illustrous and Victorious at the works of Messrs. Cammell Laird and Co., Limited, Barrow-in-Furness and High Walker, respectively, is proceeding satisfactorily, and they are expected to be completed in April and September next, respectively.

1937 PROGRAMME

The Formidable and Indomitable, of the Illustrous class, under construction by Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Limited, Belfast, and the Victorious and Venerable, of the Queen Elizabeth class, under construction by Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Limited, Belfast, are progressing satisfactorily, and are due to be launched in the financial year 1939.

A further aircraft-carrier was ordered from Messrs. The Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Limited, on October 11, 1938.

1938 PROGRAMME

The Liverpool and Manchester, constructed by Messrs. The Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Limited, and the Gloucester and Plymouth, of the Queen Elizabeth class, under construction by Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Limited, respectively, and the Belfast, built at Devonport Dockyard, have been completed.

1939 PROGRAMME

The second Tribal class destroyers Aftisl, Cheshire, Kirkham, Merton, Nithian, and Zulu were delivered and accepted during the period April to December, 1938.

1940 PROGRAMME

The further nine destroyers of the new class, built at Portsmouth, Malta, Sibyl, and Somali have been delivered and accepted. The remaining four vessels, Bedouin, Mashona, Punjabi, and Tigris, will shortly complete their trials and are due to be delivered very shortly.

The fourth leader Jervis and the Javelin class, leaders, and the Janus, Jersey, Juno, and Jupiter have all been launched and are expected to complete during the summer of 1939. Construction of the Dido class vessels, Dido, Meander, Cammell Laird and Co., Limited, (Chatham Dockyard), Naiad (Messrs. H. and W. Haworth Leslie and Co., Limited), Phoebe (The Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company), and Sirius (Portsmouth Dockyard), is proceeding satisfactorily. Naiad was launched in February, 1938, and the remaining four vessels will be launched at intervals between now and November.

1937 PROGRAMME

The ships of the Fiji class have been laid down as follows:

Fiji—Building by Messrs. John Brown and Co., Limited, March 20, 1938.
Kenya—Building by Messrs. Alexander Stephen and Sons, Limited, June 10, 1938.
Mauritius—Building by Messrs. Swan Hunter and Wigham Richardson, Limited, Debtorant, Tyne, Esme, Lookout and Loyall—Messrs. Scott's Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Limited, March 31, 1938.
Natal—Building by Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited, February 8, 1938.

Torquay—Building by H.M. Dockyard, Devonport, April 21, 1938. Work is proceeding satisfactorily.

Work on the Donavonshire (Messrs. Scott's Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Limited) and Hermione (Messrs. Alexander Stephen and Sons, Limited), both of the Dido class, is proceeding satisfactorily and the vessels are expected to be launched shortly.

1938 PROGRAMME

Orders for a further three ships of the Dido class were placed on December 23, 1937, and the first vessel, Audley (Messrs. J. S. White and Co., Limited, Cowes, Latona—Messrs. J. I. Thornycroft and Co., Limited, Southampton, and Mayflower—Messrs. Alexander Stephen and Sons, Limited, Gosport, and Leaders and Destroyers 1935 PROGRAMME

The keel plates of Charybdis and Cleopatra were laid on November 9, 1938, and January 9, 1939, respectively. Scylla and Gorgon of the Fiji class will be placed shortly.

Orders for the Ceylon, Gambia, Jamaica, and Uganda of the Fiji class will be placed shortly.

Minelayers

Orders for three fast minelayers of the 1938 programme were placed on December 23, 1937, and the first vessel, Andromeda (Messrs. J. S. White and Co., Limited, Cowes, Latona—Messrs. J. I. Thornycroft and Co., Limited, Southampton, and Mayflower—Messrs. Alexander Stephen and Sons, Limited, Gosport, and Leaders and Destroyers 1936 PROGRAMME

Work is progressing satisfactorily on the seven submarines of the Triton class—Thistle, Trillid, and Truant (Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited), Tarpon and Tuna (Messrs. Scott's Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Limited), and Tigris (Chatham Dockyard). The vessels are planned and will be laid down in the financial year 1939.

1937 PROGRAMME

Further vessels of the Triton class have been ordered as follows—

Tetrarch—Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited; keel laid August 24, 1938. Tamar—Messrs. Cammell Laird and Co., Limited; keel laid September 27, 1938.

Torbay—Chatham Dockyard; keel laid November 21, 1938.

Escort Vessel 1938 PROGRAMME

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1939 PROGRAMME

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1937 PROGRAMME

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Laird and Co., Limited, Birkenhead, Legion and Lightning—Messrs. Parsons' Marine Steam Turbine Company, Limited, Wallsend (Hilts) by Messrs. Hunter and Wigham Richardson, Limited, Debtorant, Tyne, Esme, Lookout and Loyall—Messrs. Scott's Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Limited, Greenock.

The vessel is expected to be launched during the coming financial year.

1938 PROGRAMME

Strelot, the last of the Swardfish class, was completed at Chatham Dockyard in April, 1939.

The minelayer submarine Calshot, of the 1937 programme, was completed by Messrs. Scott's Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Limited, in August, 1939.

Triton, the first of a new class of patrol submarine, was completed by Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited, in November, 1939.

1939 PROGRAMME

The minelaying submarine Seal, under construction at Chatham Dockyard, was completed in September, 1939, and is expected in the course of the next few months.

Work is proceeding normally on the four submarines Thetis, Trident, Tribune, and Undine, of the Triton class, which are all being laid down and should be completed at varying dates during the financial year 1939.

Unity, Undine, and Urula, small submarines of the Unity class, have been completed by Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited, in October, August, and December, 1938, respectively.

1940 PROGRAMME

The submarine depot ship Maidstone (1936 programme) was completed by Messrs. Yarrow and Co., Limited, in June, 1939.

The submarine depot ship Fort (1937 programme) was completed by Messrs. Yarrow and Co., Limited, in June, 1939.

The submarine depot ship Tyne (1937 programme) was completed by Messrs. Scott's Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Limited, in December, 1938, and the construction is progressing satisfactorily.

The destroyer depot ship Hecla (1936 programme) was completed by Messrs. Yarrow and Co., Limited, in November, 1938.

The Fleet Air Supply and Repair ship The Unicorn (1936 programme) will be ordered shortly.

Other Vessels

The Franklin, surveying vessel (1936 programme), was completed by Messrs. The Alfa Shipbuilding Company, Limited, in November, 1938. A second ship of the Caledon Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Limited, is nearing completion.

Further vessels of the Triton class have been ordered as follows—

Tetrarch—Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited; keel laid August 24, 1938.

Tamar—Messrs. Cammell Laird and Co., Limited; keel laid September 27, 1938.

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Escort Vessel 1938 PROGRAMME

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1939 PROGRAMME

The Pelican, under construction by Messrs. J. I. Thornycroft and Co., Limited, is expected to be completed in March, 1939. The construction of the Black Swan and Flamingo, by Messrs. Thornycroft, is progressing satisfactorily and they should be completed by next autumn.

Mine-sweepers

The Leda and Seagull were completed at Devonport Dockyard in May and July,

1939, respectively, the Gossamer by Messrs. Yarrow and Co., Limited, in March, 1939, and the Jester by the Alfa Shipbuilding Company, Limited, in June, 1939.

1940 PROGRAMME

The construction of the Bramble and Briar-mart at Devonport Dockyard, and the Goliath and Sphinx at the works of Messrs. W. Hamilton and Co., Limited, is progressing satisfactorily, and the vessels are expected to be completed by the summer of 1939.

Patrol Vessel 1939 PROGRAMME

The Widgton was completed by Messrs. Yarrow and Co., Limited, in June, 1939.

The Guillotine, minelayer, and Pintail, ordered from Messrs. Wm. Denny and Brothers, Limited, and the Shearwater, from Messrs. S. White and Co., Limited, in April, 1939, is progressing satisfactorily, and the vessels are expected to be completed by the summer of 1939.

1941 PROGRAMME

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The submarine depot ship The Unicorn (1936 programme) will be completed by the summer of 1940.

1942 PROGRAMME

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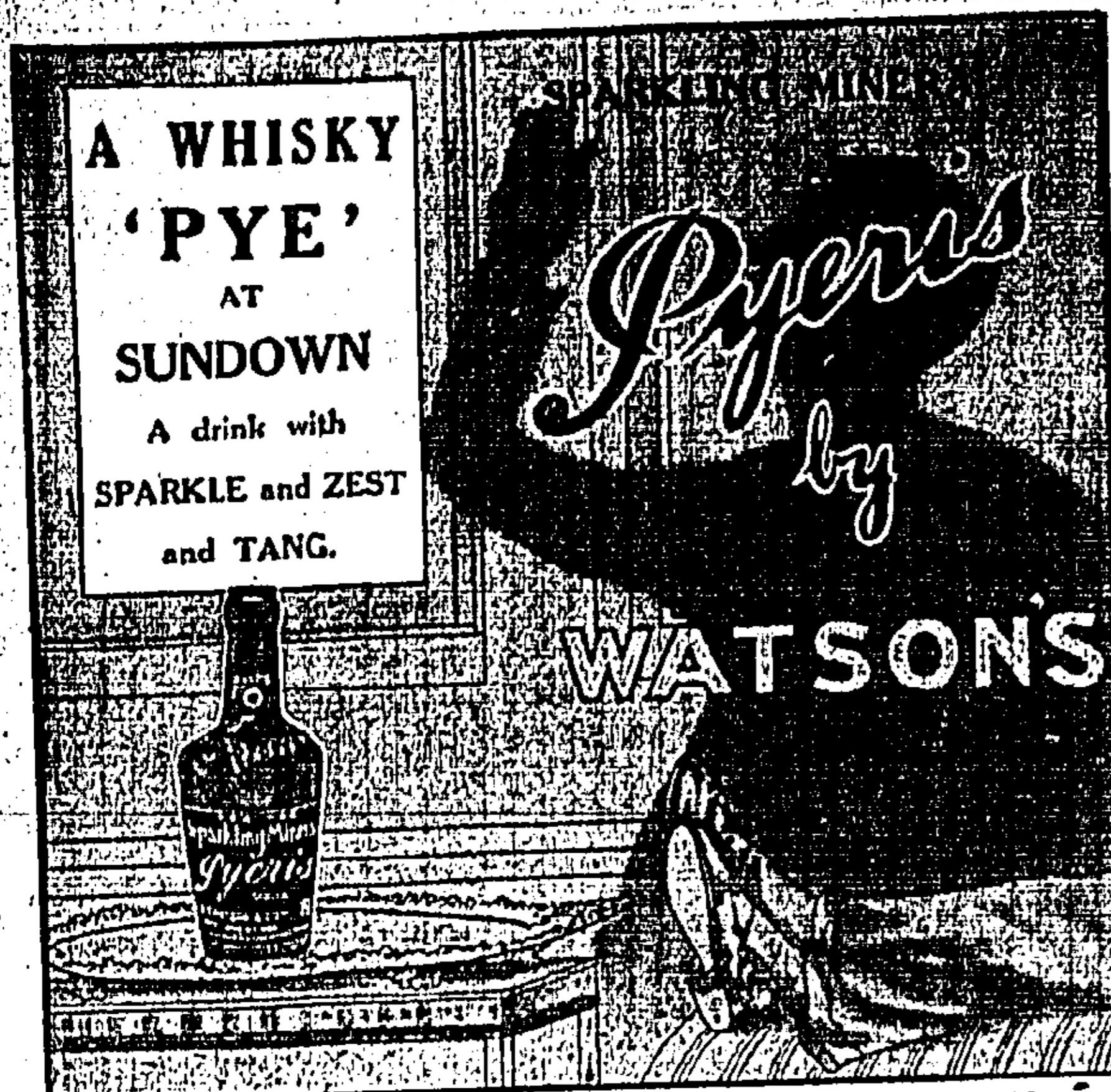
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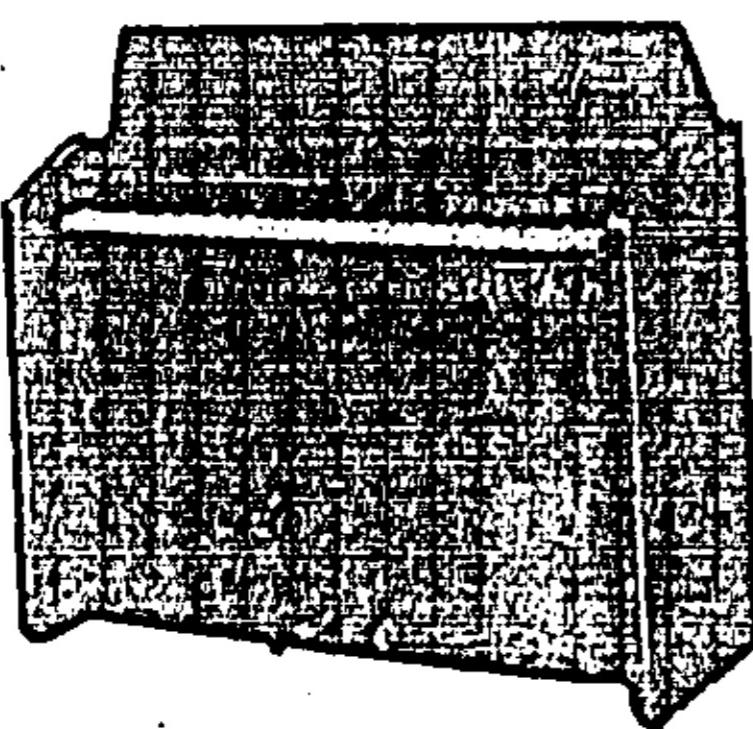
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Germany and Britain

THERE IS no danger of war between Britain and Germany. That peril does not exist for the good and sufficient reason that there is at present not one valid reason why they should fight.

The treatment of the unfortunate Jews in Germany shocks the English public. But it is recognised as an internal problem, like any other outbreak of crime. The rape of Czechoslovakia may at one time have been a reason for war, but it is past and is no more reason why Germany and Britain should fight than the rape of Abyssinia should now cause an Anglo-Italian conflict.

In any case, we cannot hamper humanity into the Germans with bombs and bullets, even if we have the right to do so.

Nor is there any trace of a real desire by Germany to pursue Britain. There is, of course, some rough language. But that, it is admitted, comes from both sides, for the British Press is not irreproachable.

These observations are made without any regard to the merits of the case. We believe there is plenty of justification for the viluperation that has been poured on Germany by the peoples and newspapers of peace-loving nations. But that fact does not mean that there is going to be war.

Recent outrages by Germany do not differ in severity, though they may differ in scale, from the offences for which Germany has become notorious in the past two years.

So what? We came nearest to war in September last year. But the world is so jittery that tension to-day is as great as it was six months ago.

Personal Impression

HOW THE news-reels open up the world and widen the range of human understanding!

Your neighbour says: "I know Mayor La Guardia of New York." You answer, "So do I," although you have never seen the mayor in the flesh. It is the news-reel which has given a personal impression of the man which no amount of reading could have brought.

The news-reel gives the eye a vivid picture of what is happening in the world to-day and gives the mind an understanding of events that cannot be obtained from other sources.

There is the value of the news-reel. It enables the spectator to estimate the many angles in the news first received from the newspapers. And, of course, it is upon understanding that democracy is founded.

It is deplorable, therefore, that censorship should exist in Hongkong to the extent that those remarkable "March of Time" news-reels are so hacked and scissored that many of their subjects are rendered unintelligible. Such an instance occurred last week.

'I asked Mussolini questions . . .'

First of a new series of articles in which questions are put to the Duce by an interpreter — and answered from Mussolini's "My Autobiography."

Q. You signed a Fascism has clearly outgrown pact with Britain (p.211).

Q. to respect the Q. You have made your Fas status quo in the Q. cists hate France. Did Mediterranean. Will you you yourself always hate France?

A. "And now (in 1915) while our first legions of volunteers were organised and went to France to fight... Again the red shirts, once distinguished as the saviours of Italy, now in the land of France testified to the indestructibility of Latinity.

"I said, then, as I always say, that treaties, whether bad or good, must be carried out. A respectable nation can have no other programme.

"But treaties are neither eternal nor irreparable. They are chapters of history, not epilogues of history." (p.204.)

Q. What do you think of the Q. Why not a political deal with France?

A. "The intellectual life of the A. "Italians... naturally... especially, because of the organised character of its culture and its scholastic touch and flavour." (p.32.)

Q. Your followers cry for up Italians in French colonies?

A. "To a nation like ours, A. powerful and prolific, that has a need of raw materials, of outlets, of markets, and of land on account of the exuberance of its population, only some insignificant rectifications of frontiers were granted when the glut of colonial spoil was passed round (after the war)." (p.212.)

Q. What is your colonial A. "My colonial policy has a simple affinity with my international law and good sense foreign policy. Even taking into consideration the virtues of nations." (p.210.)

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This protection is founded on the principles of brotherhood and faith to the Italians who live beyond our borders. I did not give them the name of immigrants, because in the past this word has had a humiliating meaning, and it seemed in some way to designate an inferior category of men and women. I have been able, I am glad to say, to protect my countrymen without hurting the susceptibilities of other peoples.

Q. Why do you need more colonies? Why did you take Abyssinia?

A. "Colonial development would not have been for us merely a logical consequence of our population problem, but would have constituted a formula of solution for our economic situation.

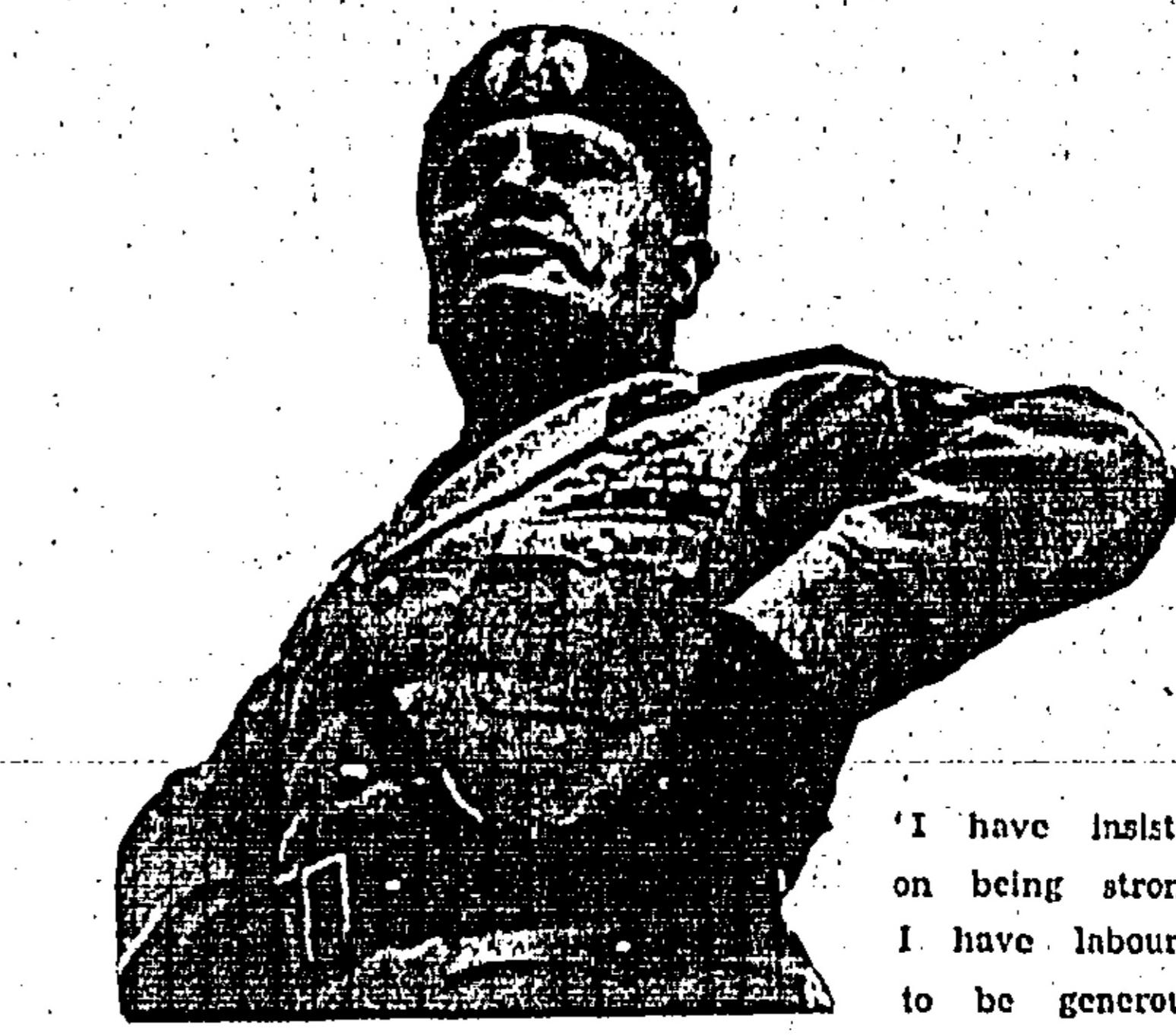
"Even now... this situation has to find its full solution. Our colonies are few, and not all open to extensive improvement. (This was before he took Abyssinia—author)." (p.212.)

"Into these labours to rebuild Italy's peaceful position before the world, and to develop, as duty dictates, every colonial possibility which may help to solve our population problems, I have put my days and some of my sleepless nights." (p.213.)

Q. Despite your peaceful protestations you did not forbid your Fascist followers to organise demonstrations before French consulates, demanding French colonies. What is your real opinion of such methods?

A. "It is never admissible, in fact, that diplomatic controversies can be twisted or troubled by angry popular demonstrations against embassies or consulates.

"Such disorders belong to an old democratic habit which



'I have insisted on being strong. I have laboured to be generous.'

ple, understandable... First, that we endeavour to make and mine is a policy of peace. It is to keep peace by building and maintaining, brick by brick, stone by stone, a structure of peace, action, but comes from an elevation on realities rather than a whole network of agreements "I have insisted on being and treaties which cement strong, but I have laboured to money between peoples." (p.211.) "We are idealists in the sense

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SHADOWS of the VALLEY

"HAS HE really got to go, Lovell?"

"Yes, Miss, 'e 'as; your Pa says 'e's not the 'orse for you, Missie, and 'e's about right, too. Can't take 'is corn, 'e can't. Not but what 'e's a nice little 'orse, like."

Firm friends, these two—the young girl, slim Jodhpored, the gnarled and rugged mostly, they clatter down from their green-tiled quarters on the hill.

Docile in appearance most of the Mongolians—even dejected—but this is largely a deception.

Here a wild-eyed bay tries conclusions with his syce, and is confounded.

A grey and a brown in single file plod along.

The leader takes what seems to be intelligent interest in the watching bystander; arrived alongside, in a flash he turns his quarters and lashes out.

Luckily the intended victim, knowing the propensities of the corn-fed Mongolian, has not been too trustful; he quickly sidesteps; which activity, together with a couple of jobs at the miscreant's mouth by his groom, his evil intent.

That semblance of innocent interest had masked an equine mathematical calculation of distance—and an accurate one!

Fresh-faced young enthusiasts, booted and sweating,

Again, the vapour shifted, andtered, mount for the trial.

A little bunch of shudlers of form, complete with stopwatch, line the rails.

Two little beasts, chunky of head, bull-necked but narrow-chested, cow-hocked and hairy-hoofed, one undersized and herring-gutted little grey, of such pathetic proportions that it seems a daringfeat on the part of the broad-shouldered, large-headed young six-footer to mount, much less to gallop.

Viewed full front, the rider's chest extends well beyond that of the pony, the whole effect strongly reminiscent of tourist and Egyptian donkey.

No symmetry of proportion, no semblance of "oneness" between horse and rider. But the purpose of the morning is a more prosaic one than to please the critical eye of the beholder.

After the customary squeaking, backling and twisting, the six are off and away, pelting round the cinder track. A test of lungs, equine or human. And, malformed as he usually is, the Mongolian can, if he feels inclined, move.

NOW COME the Australians, mostly weedy and tucked-up animals, but one or two splendid creatures.

The full, intelligent eye, the fine coat, the springing pasture, the clean fetlock, the lean head, the sparse mane—all eloquent of race.

Bright bay she is, her sloping shoulder gleams as gold. 14.2 she stands, splendidly built.

She turns a kind and docile eye upon her pink-faced, waiting owner; she slips her shining neck, and noses round his well-knit form. Puts evidently! He mounts with ease.

No fidgeting, turning, bucking or fretful wincing. Both in eager and willing anticipation of whatever the day may bring.

The gallops ended, steeds, heavily breathing, with outstretched neck enjoy relief of freedom from the pressing bit. Riders dismount, and these too are perhaps a trifle blown, but radiantly cheerful.

I leave them to their respective rubs-down, baths, corn, eggs-and-bacon, oatmeal-water and coffee, and make my way to my own.

ALL MAGIC has now disappeared from the hill. Glowing light on barren rocks, arising dust, Wanchoi rocks and breakfast waits.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"A Class B picture—my mother-in-law!"

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OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Spain

Madrid To Offer Resistance

Lisbon, Mar. 27. As a result of the interruption of peace negotiations, the Defence Council in Madrid, according to a radio message, is in permanent session and has decided on tenacious resistance.—United Press.

Madrid Hopeful

Madrid, Mar. 27. The populace fervently hope that peace will come to-day, but a breakdown in the negotiations has left the situation confused and uncertain. The terms appear to be still the thorny point. However, the fact that Extremadura has chosen to start a new offensive rather than Madrid is considered as an indication that the latter may be spared the horrors of further fighting.

The famished population ate watery lentil soup as the first snowfall of the long winter covered the gaping scars of the city's wounds and the bomb-pitted streets and walls.—United Press.

Franco Confident

Lisbon, Mar. 27. The Nationalists' radio on the Madrid front at 2.30 a.m. proclaimed to the inhabitants of Madrid that the hour of liberation was very near. Within a few hours the bi-coloured flag will fly at the highest point of the capital. Franco's army overcomes all resistance, to enter the city and bring peace and justice.—United Press.

War Begins Again

Madrid, Mar. 27. Negotiations for surrender of Madrid have broken down and General Franco's troops are reported to have advanced 25 miles on the southern front, occupying an area of 200 square miles. It is declared that they met little resistance and that 10,000 Republicans either deserted or surrendered.

A Madrid broadcast blames General Franco for the change of attitude, and Burges admits that Madrid has not agreed to the demand that the Republican air force be handed over by Saturday on a gesture of the surrender of Madrid.—Reuter Bulletin.

Madrid Prepares

Madrid, Mar. 27. Firing was heard early this morning in the outer suburbs of Madrid. Deserters to the Nationalist lines at 3 a.m. reported that groups of inhabitants raised white flags at high places, while fighting was going on between civilians and that portion of the garrison which wants to continue to resist the Nationalists.

Meanwhile the Madrid radio announces that as a result of the abrupt interruption in peace negotiations the defence—Junta—continue in session and are carefully studying the map to prepare means of defence in order to oppose the tenacious defence of the enemy. All Republican forces are asked to remain at their posts to await the Junta's orders.—United Press.

ITALIAN LOSSES

Rome, Mar. 27. Italian voluntary formations fighting in Spain on the side of the Nationalist forces lost 80 military planes since beginning of their participation in the Spanish civil war up to March 2, according to an official announcement made here to-day.

The total Italian airplane losses include 57 pursuit planes, 11 bombers and two scouting planes.—Trans-Ocean.

Palestine

Arab Woman Arrested And Sentenced

Jerusalem, Mar. 27. The Chairman of the Arab women's organisation in Haifa, Madame Nasser, has, according to Arab press reports, been arrested and interned in a Bethlehem concentration camp following sentence of three months' confinement passed on her under martial law without trial.

This measure has aroused much indignation in Arab circles here which point out that the arrested woman's husband is editor of the Arab paper "Al Karir" in Haifa, and that the mandatory authorities have undoubtedly intended to deal a blow at that publication.

Arab women's organisation in Jerusalem and Haifa have sent telegrams of protest to King Ibn Saud, as well as to the central committee of the Arab Women's World League in Cairo, requesting their intervention on behalf of Madame Nasser.—Trans-Ocean.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

wiggle mezzanine
romp fog horrible
abilitv California
English Oxford Dictionary

spellings of these words will be found on page 5.

Il Duce's Speech

REACTION IN LONDON IS MILD

America Impressed

London, Mar. 27. The British papers show doubt as to the correct interpretation of Mussolini's claims. The papers point out that for the first time Mussolini mentioned officially Tunis, Djibouti and the Suez Canal, without, however, defining whether he had in mind territorial readjustments or plans for a "moderate revision."

The Daily Mail voices the opinion that the Franco-Italian disputes were no matter for war but for discussion. The Daily Express calls the Duce's speech "a mild thunder" and believes that Mussolini has renounced territorial claims.

The Times states that clever diplomats should be able to make the Duce's speech a turning point in European politics.—Trans-Ocean.

Position No Worse

London, Mar. 27. Morning papers commenting on Signor Mussolini's speech generally agree it is more moderate than had been expected.

"For all its bombast, the Duce's speech made no such demands upon France as must have required a purely negative answer," says The Times.

The Daily Telegraph says, "altogether, the impression left by the speech is that Signor Mussolini would now prefer a quiet settlement to an open breach, which at one time appeared to be courtly."

The Daily Herald says the speech makes the situation no worse than before; and may be said to have slightly reduced the International tension.—United Press.

An informed traveler from Madrid said the situation there is acute, with anarchists and communists representing a threat to General Casado's hopes to hand over control to the Nationalists as an orderly as possible atop casado instrumental coup which succeeded mostly due promises seek peace.—United Press.

Announcement To-morrow

Paris, Mar. 27. Premier Daladier yesterday afternoon discussed with the Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, Signor Mussolini's speech. It is expected that M. Daladier will on Wednesday make a statement explaining the French Government's standpoint concerning the Italian claims.—Trans-Ocean.

Did Not Add Fuel

Paris, Mar. 27. Signor Mussolini's speech is the chief topic of newspaper comment. Le Journal says it can be said that Signor Mussolini did not throw petrol on the fire. "We do not recognise a code consisting of creating rights," declares Erenouvelle.

L'Époque writes that prestige forces Signor Mussolini not to admit that German dynamism and ruse of lies have frustrated his calculations. To hide the truth from the people he is forced to try to dazzle them by future successes.—Reuter.

ALLEGED SECRET CONFERENCE ON ITALIAN CLAIMS

London, Mar. 27. The Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail states details of an alleged secret conference between Italy and France on three points:

Equality of power of France and Italy in the Mediterranean; substitution of the Mussolini-Laval agreement of 1935 by a new treaty on Tunis, Djibouti and the Suez Canal;

Italy to recognise officially that France has fulfilled all her obligations undertaken in the London secret treaty of 1915.

The correspondent asserts that Italy in her note of December 17, 1936, asked France for a free zone in Djibouti harbour, complete control over the railway from Addis Ababa to Djibouti, a change of the status of the Italians living in Tunis, and a seat in the administrative board of the Suez Canal.—Trans-Ocean.

SOVIET REACTION

Moscow, Mar. 27. Preuda asserts that Signor Mussolini's speech is an eloquent answer to those helpers of aggressors in London and Paris who, having shed a few crocodile tears over the fate of Czechoslovakia, have already reacted and started to assure that there is no need to hasten any collective action against aggressors.

Apparently the hope has again been born in the hearts of these followers of the Munich policy that Fascist aggression will turn eastward, avoiding London and Paris. Signor Mussolini's speech shows the nearsightedness of this policy, and the improvidence of such expectations.—United Press.

AMERICA IMPRESSED

Washington, Mar. 27. The conciliatory tone of Mussolini's speech has favourably impressed official and financial circles in as much, apparently, as it opens the door for Franco-Italian diplomatic conversations towards a possible solution of Italy's claims, which can be rendered easier, by the tactful manner of their presentation.

Senator Claude Pepper, who is often spokesman for the Administration on foreign affairs, said that the speech indicated that a peaceful settlement of the present crisis is possible.—United Press.

No Over Confidence

New York, Mar. 27. The Herald Tribune issues a warning against accepting Il Duce's address as "moderate," pointing out

Westminster Film

London, Mar. 27. For the first time in the history of Westminster Abbey a film was shown there last evening depicting scenes in the Holy Land. The congregation of 1,000 included representatives of the Russian, Greek and Syrian Churches while the Bishop of Jerusalem acted as commentator. The Dean of St. Paul's led the player for peace in Palestine and for the Jewish race.

The congregation at the close sang the hymn: "Pray that Jerusalem May Have Peace."—Reuter.

Poland

NERVOUS OF THE REICH

Anticipating More Demands

Warsaw, Mar. 27. Military preparations continue, but are surrounded by the greatest secrecy.—Reuter.

Down with Reich

Warsaw, Mar. 27. Serious demonstrations against the Reich and the Fuehrer took place yesterday after a meeting of Polish Nationalists in Bromberg. The crowd shouted in chorus "down with Hitler," "thrash the Germans," "the Polish army must occupy Danzig," "we want Königsberg."

The police had to take special measures to protect the Germans and German property.—Trans-Ocean.

Nervous of Reich

Warsaw, Mar. 27. Reports that Germany has made demands on Poland lack all confirmation, but it is thought that the military precautions have been inspired by the belief that pressure from the Reich for revision of the status of Danzig may be expected. Poland is stated to be determined not to be taken by surprise.

It is also stated that Poland is definitely opposed to any concessions in the Polish corridor through which it has been suggested the Reich might propose building a German highway.—Reuter.

Belief in Army

Warsaw, Mar. 27. "We believe in Poland's military power and have no illusions about the hazy hopes of external support," says the newspaper Kurjer Poranny to-day.

Several meetings of patriotic associations were held throughout the country yesterday. Typical phrases in the resolutions passed were, "We are ready for every sacrifice for Poland" and "We will fight for Poland to the last drop of our blood."—Reuter.

China

New Nanking Anti-British Campaign

Shanghai, Mar. 27. A foreigner from Nanking reveals that the Reformed Government, apparently inspired by the Japanese military, has launched a violent anti-foreign campaign aimed chiefly at foreign campanions aimed chiefly at Britain.

It is stated that during the recent Army Day New Order Week, shopkeepers were forced to display anti-foreign posters which were also pasted on rickshaws and other vehicles. For 10 days the newspapers featured anti-British editorial and front page articles. The official Hsin Pao carried bold face slogans reading "Destroy the British flag, boycott British goods, confiscate British property in China, recover all British concessions, drive out every Englishman from our borders and誓not to co-operate with Britishers." The press urged the Chinese to quit the employ of British interests.

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Russia

FISHERY DISPUTE ENDING

New Discussion With Japanese

Moscow, Mar. 27. Following a two-hour conversation between the Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Litvinoff, and the Japanese Ambassador to Moscow, Mr. Togo, on the vexing Far Eastern fisheries controversy, Japanese sources indicated that a solution is near on the basis of compromise. Another talk is scheduled for Tuesday. The Japanese hope that the controversy will be settled in time for them to participate in the auctions of the "fisher lots" scheduled for April 3, under an informal arrangement whereby the Japanese will bid without competition for some 200 lots. The basic rents, however, would be raised.

If arrangements are not completed, they hope that the auctions will be postponed further and it is expected that there will be two or three more conversations between M. Litvinoff and Mr. Togo to clear up the matter for another year.

The main point in the controversy to-day was the substitution of other lots for the 37 lots formerly fished by the Japanese which were closed by the Soviet Union for strategic reasons. The Soviet Union has offered seven lots in exchange of approximately equal value, leaving 30 lots the subject of dispute.

Following to-day's conversation, both M. Litvinoff and Mr. Togo would refer matters to their respective Governments for approval to proceed.—United Press.

Settlement This Week

Moscow, Mar. 27. Prospects of settling the Soviet-Japanese fisheries controversy have improved considerably, according to Japanese authorities. It is understood that the Japanese are now willing to accept a temporary annual agreement and renounce fishery rights in respect of 37 lots which the Soviet insists on retaining for strategic reasons.

The Japanese, it is also understood, are willing to participate in the auctions at Vladivostok, provided the Soviet guarantees Japanese organisations to obtain over 200 lots without competition from Soviet organisations.

The Japanese representatives indicate that a settlement will probably be reached in a few days to enable the Japanese vessels to sail for Soviet waters before April 10 when the fishing season begins.—Reuter.

REFUGEE RELIEF

\$45,000,000 Spent By Chinese

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According to the paper originally it had been the intention to forbid attacks on heads of States and to protect secrecy measures for the National defence. The new draft, however, defines offence as follows:

any press campaign directed against any form of organisation, any press campaign in relation to racial, professional, and in particular, Jewish interests, and any press campaign which bears the stamp of foreign inspiration.

Formerly N.C. \$5 or less than G.S. were spent on each war wifey every month. To-day this \$5-allocation has been raised to \$10 monthly in many homes where refugee children are kept, educated and even made productive. Central News.

Le Jour declares that the decree in this form would mean the end of any comment of conviction.—Trans-Ocean.

Elections In Turkey

Ankara, Mar. 27.

Many former influential deputies lost their seats in

RUMJAHN COUSINS ENTER SEMI-FINAL OF DOUBLES

COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP RESUMES WITH FOUR GOOD TIES

(By "Abe")

Held up for several days by rain last week, the Colony Tennis Championships resumed on the Hongkong C.C. courts yesterday with a programme of singles and doubles matches. The stand court was utilised for the first time in the current tournament, the match chosen for the opening being the quarter-final doubles tie between the Rumjahn cousins and two club-mates, I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu.

All four players being from the Indian R.C., the match naturally lost a bit of its interest. Nevertheless some good play was seen, with each pair showing in turn. While sustained rallies were few and far between, there were some snappy volleying duels, which were the chief feature of the match. Hard hitting also made the match entertaining to watch.

The cousins, as expected, won but not before their opponents had given a fairly good account of themselves. Had they not made as many mistakes as they did, Razack and Minu would have put up a much better fight; but a great weakness of theirs was to win an splendid rally only to lose the next point by a lamentable mistake.

Though they scored winners on many occasions with crisp volleys, the Rumjahns were not as reliable off the ground as usual; yet their game was sound enough to enable them to win by 6-4, 7-5.

In each set, the winners led by 5-2.

OTHER MATCHES

In the other doubles match of the day, E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson played well enough to take the first set from Lim Thiam-tot and Stephen Wong, but thereafter they were out-classed by the better-balanced Chinese pair, who conceded only four games in the next two sets.

What was expected to be the best singles encounter of the day, between Ho Ka-lau and W. C. Hung, was not played, the latter conceding a walk-over to his erstwhile doubles partner.

A. Crawford's game was too sound all round for Peter U, whose inexperience left loop-holes for the Kowloon C.C. player to break through. Crawford won the first set to love before the Chinese could settle down. There was a more even battle in the second set, but Crawford also won this after ten games.

J. M. Tomlinson advanced into the second round of the competition by beating Lam Kwan in straight sets.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The stand court attraction to-day is the doubles match between the

Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of matches played yesterday:

Open Singles

A. Crawford beat Peter U 6-0, 6-4.

J. M. Tomlinson beat Lam Kwan 6-3, 7-5.

Ho Ka-lau received a walk-over from W. C. Hung.

Open Doubles

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu 6-4, 7-5.

Lim Thiam-tot and Stephen Wong beat E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson 5-7, 6-2, 6-2.

Tsui brothers, holders of the title, and Omar Rumjahn and S. A. Hussain. The Tsuis should win fairly comfortably, but will probably have to play good tennis to do so.

The following is the programme:

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I.M.A. Razack (left) and A. R. Minu provided the opposition for the Rumjahn cousins yesterday in the quarter-final of the Colony Tennis doubles championship. The match, which opened the stand court at the Hongkong Cricket Club, was won by the cousins in straight sets.—Staff Photographer.

Here And There With "Abe"

Chinese Soccerites Have Good Week-End

THE week-end was a triumph for Chinese footballers in Hongkong. On Saturday, South China "A" defeated Kowloon by three goals to nil in the First Division of the League, and with the two points gained, have overtaken the Royal Navy, who have had the lead for so many months. Thus the South China "A" need only a draw in their last match with the sailors to win the League Championship, which was carried off by the "B" team last year. On top of the South China success, the Chinese won the Lal Wah Cup on Sunday, beating the Civilians by four goals to two. This trophy is only the first of the many which I think the Chinese will carry off this year. The South China "A" have not only a great opportunity of winning the League but the Shield as well, their opponents in the final being the Police, who surprisingly defeated them in the League a fortnight ago. Then there is the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup, in which the Chinese will play the Portuguese in the final. I am sure the Portuguese players will not feel offended if one were to say that the Chinese are expected to win. The Kotewall Cup too may go to the Chinese, who in present form seem an immeasurably better team than either the Navy or the Army.

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Ahead Of Schedule

NOT due to arrive here until Friday, the Straits Chinese football tourists, who have been paying a visit to Manila, took most people by surprise yesterday by arriving in Hongkong by the Boeing Clipper. The reason for their sudden departure from Manila was that the China Clipper, by which they had booked to travel from Manila to Hongkong, had been delayed, and instead of leaving Manila on March 31, she was not due to leave until April 2. The arrangements made with the South China A.A. were that the Straits team would play matches in Hongkong on April 1, 2 and 5, and thus if the visitors waited for the China Clipper, they would have to miss two matches here. Rather than do that—they have to be back in Singapore on April 13 at the latest and cannot remain in Hongkong later than April 6 or 7—they decided to come in two matches in Manila. The decision to catch the Boeing Clipper, which left Manila yesterday morning, was a last-minute one. The Straits team played a match on Sunday night and arrangements for their departure were completed after the game. Mr. John Then, player-manager-coach of the visiting side, told me yesterday that his boys were very keen to play in Hongkong, and did not like to miss coming here. They play good soccer, these Straits lads, and should be popular with local enthusiasts. Their record of four wins and one defeat against the best teams of Manila is perhaps sufficient testimony of their quality.

F.A. Cup Final

SO Wolves and Portsmouth are to meet at Wembley for the F.A. Cup final. The Wolves won handily against Grimsby on Saturday by five goals to nil, but Portsmouth only just got through by the odd goal in three in their tie with Huddersfield. The meeting of the two teams at Wembley had been expected immediately after the semi-final draw had been announced; and so it has turned out. The final may be described as the "glam final" as Portsmouth have recently followed the example of Wolverhampton and gone in for gland treatment for their players. The Portsmouth lads must be convinced now that there is something in a treatment which once aroused the ridicule of the scoring.—Reuter.

Drawn Match In Rugby League

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Coach May Travel With British Track Team To America

(By R. Mallard Stead)

London.

When a squad of ten British track athletes visits New York in mid-July, it may differ from all previous such parties by having with it a paid coach. For prominent officials of the English Amateur Athletic Association are urging in the council-chamber that Britain should depart from her customary method of team preparation and should fall into line with other countries by engaging the services of an expert trainer, charged with the duties of putting final touches to the selected athletes' training and advising them as they go into competition. Official decision on the subject is not expected for several weeks.

To-night's Badminton Programme

A good badminton programme has been arranged for to-night at Tinkoo the Colony Championships.

The programme will commence at 8 p.m. with the Men's Junior Singles semi-final match between D. Kwok and P. Lo, to be followed at 8.30 with the Mixed Doubles semi-final between P. K. Hui and Miss Ulian Khoi, the holders, and K. L. Young and Miss W. Cheung. At 9 p.m. the other Mixed Doubles semi-final tie, between C. Au and Miss A. C. Remedios, and M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva will be played.

The men's doubles semi-final between P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim, of the University, and C. Au and F. Koh, of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., originally arranged for to-morrow at the Club de Recreio, has been postponed to Wednesday, April 5 on the same court. Lim is indisposed.

NATIONAL WINNER WELCOMED

Dublin, Mar. 27. A great welcome was extended to the horse Workman, which won the Grand National, when it arrived to-day in Dublin.

Hundreds of dockers cheered as the horse left the ship, and a band accompanied Workman as it proceeded through the streets of Dublin to entrain for County Kildare.

Upon arrival at Kildare, where business was suspended for the day, two bands and thousands of the inhabitants accompanied the horse to its training quarters.—Reuter.

athletes have become very much more popular as a spectacle than formerly. And nowadays a big meeting always means a big crowd.

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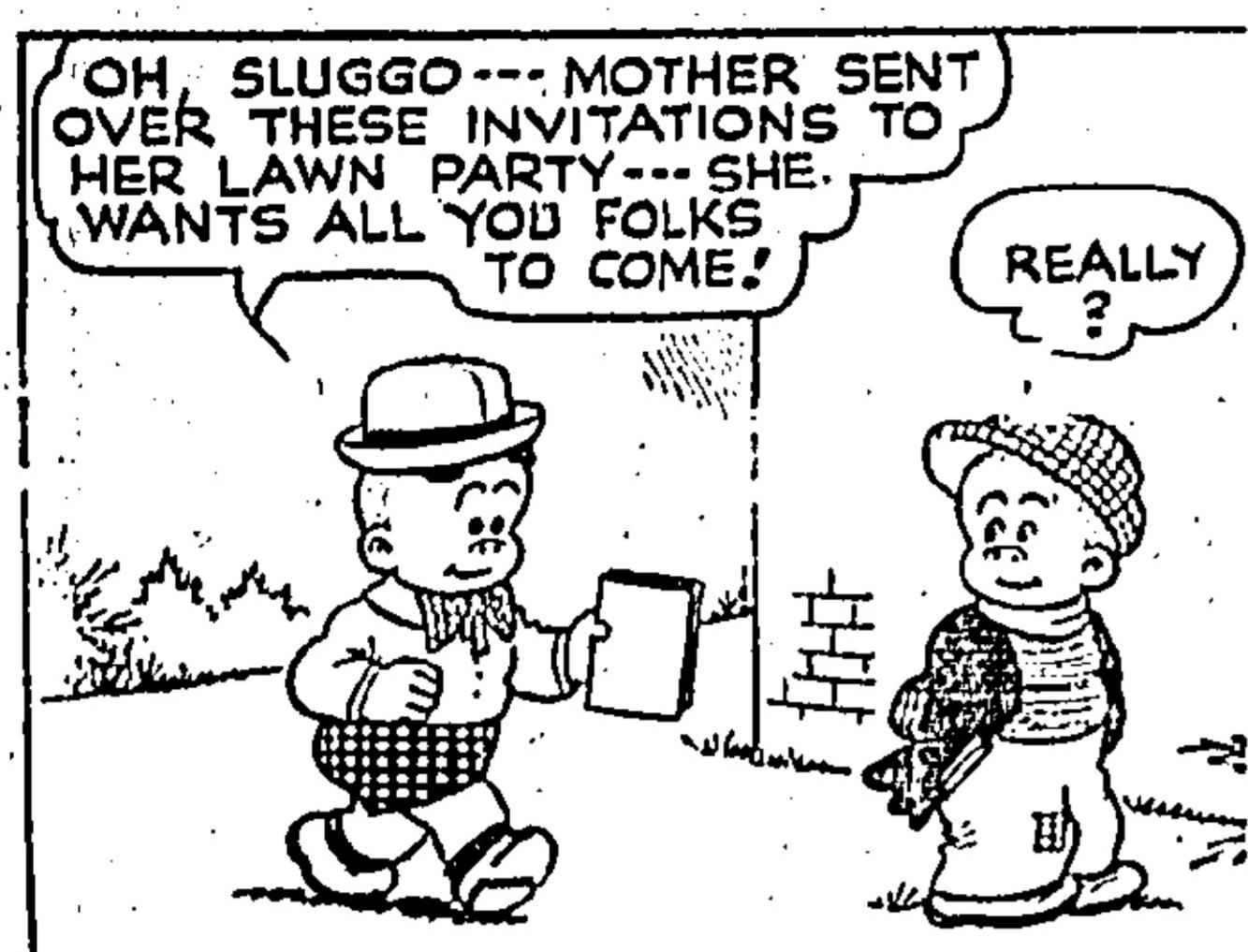
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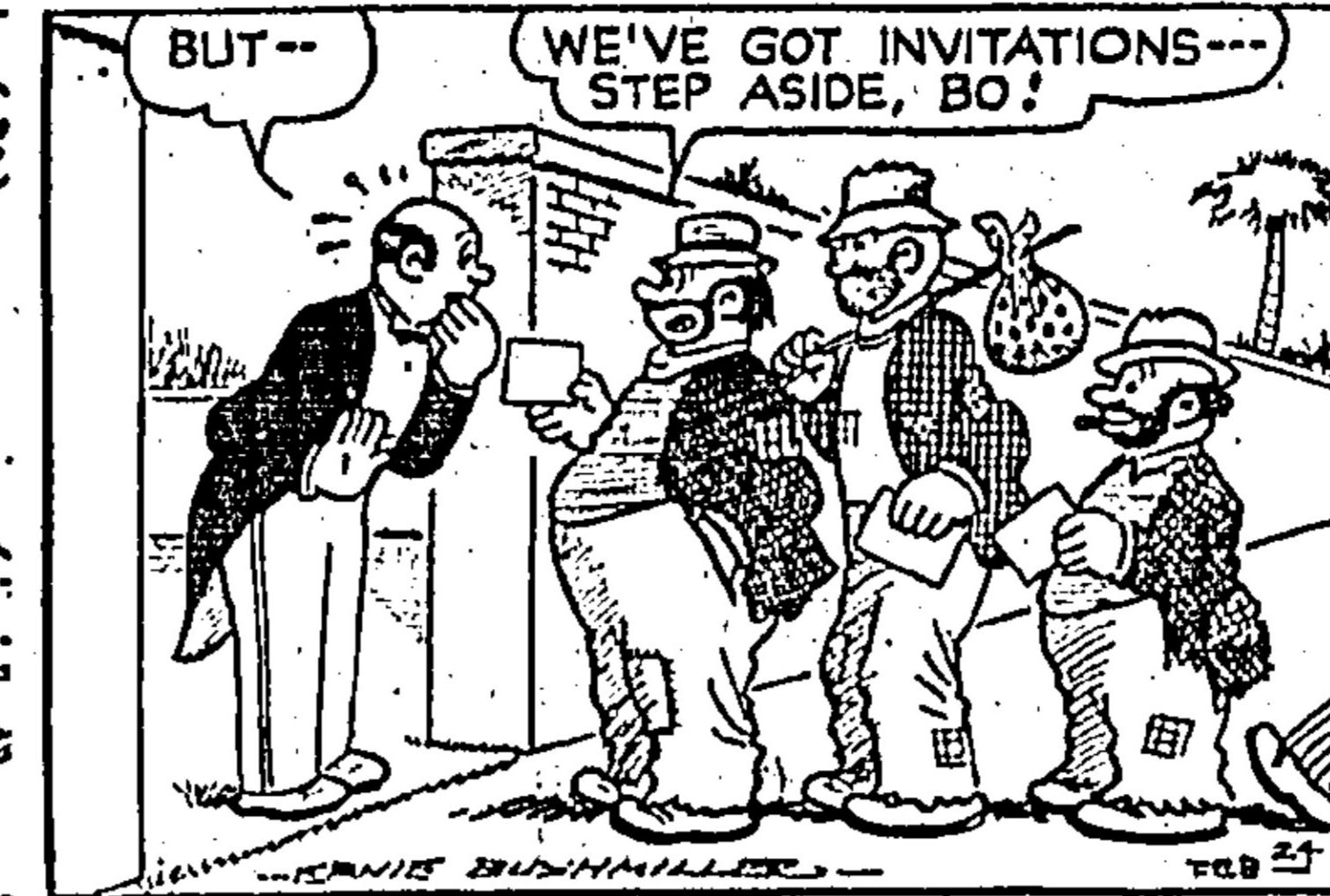
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March 28, 1939.

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller



Sunday's Shoot Given Bisley Atmosphere

Attendance Better Than Anticipated: Two New Members

The attendance at the shoot on Sunday morning was far better than anticipated, there being about 122 members out for the team's shoot, and pool and shoot.

With a view to the forthcoming prize meeting, the programme was arranged to include one or two minor Bisley Rules, giving those members not familiar with Bisley conditions a slight Bisley atmosphere. The sudden firing points were the cause of many bad shots, and many promising scores were ruined by a disastrous wind at 600 yards.

The team shoot was won by the Stonecutters Naval Range Staff by a short lead from the Middlesex Regiment "A" team.

The trophie Lancashire has brought two new members in Lieuts Olver and Russell of the Royal Engineers who started well—the former scoring a pool bull and the latter, who is a winner of the Sunday Times Public Schoolboys' Prize, scored 88 with S.R. (a) rifle. The Troop is taking away one of the most popular members, Marine Heather, who after he had presented the prizes yesterday voiced his regret at having to leave the Colony though he was not going to make a clean out from the H.K.R.A. as he was hoping to represent the Home Branch at Bisley this year.

L/Cpl. Brighty, S.R. (a), with two scores of 83 failed at 600 yards, scoring only 17 thus spelling what might have been a really good S.R. (a) score.

Lending scores of the Sunday Shoot were as follows:

	S.R. (a)	88
Sgt. G. Roberts (8)	200	500
Lt. A. C. M. Scott (Scr.)	200	500
Sgt. P. Hall (Scr.)	32	33
Sub-Lt. B. J. H. Morahan (Scr.)	31	32
P.O. C. Dawson (3)	32	33
P.O. C. Clark (Scr.)	32	33
Sgt/Lt. J. B. Mackle (Scr.)	32	32
Sgt. V. Cooper (Scr.)	32	32
Sgt. K. C. Wong (8)	31	32

Team Shoot Results

The result of the Team Shoot:

	Grand Handicap
R.N. Regt. Staff	200 500 600
Mid. "A"	103.71 108.89 109.50
R.E. 1000 C.C.	102.65 103.78 104.14
R.H. Poller R.C.	109.34 109.78 103.64
Dockyard R.C.	100.23 100.67 170.60
Mid. "B"	100.07 102.94 150.67

The following were the leading scores of the Spoon Shoot held at Stonecutters last week-end:

S.R. (b)

	200	500	600
Sgt. G. Roberts (8)	200	500	600
Lt. A. C. M. Scott (Scr.)	200	500	600
Sgt. P. Hall (Scr.)	32	33	34
Sub-Lt. B. J. H. Morahan (Scr.)	31	32	33
P.O. C. Dawson (3)	32	33	33
P.O. C. Clark (Scr.)	32	33	33
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Sgt. K. C. Wong (8)	31	32	33

(N) denotes winner of the "New" Spoon; (II) denotes winner of the "Handicap" Spoon.

(R) denotes winner of the "Highest Range" Handicap "Spoon".

(P) denotes winner of the "Possible" Button.

N.B. winner of (N) or (II) spoon has his handicap reduced by one point.

Historical Chinese Drama

Mr. Sit Kwok-Seen
In Title Role

Mr. Sit Kwok-Seen, the well-known Chinese stage favourite, is presenting "Ist Hsih," an old Chinese classic at the Ko Shing theatre to-day and tomorrow.

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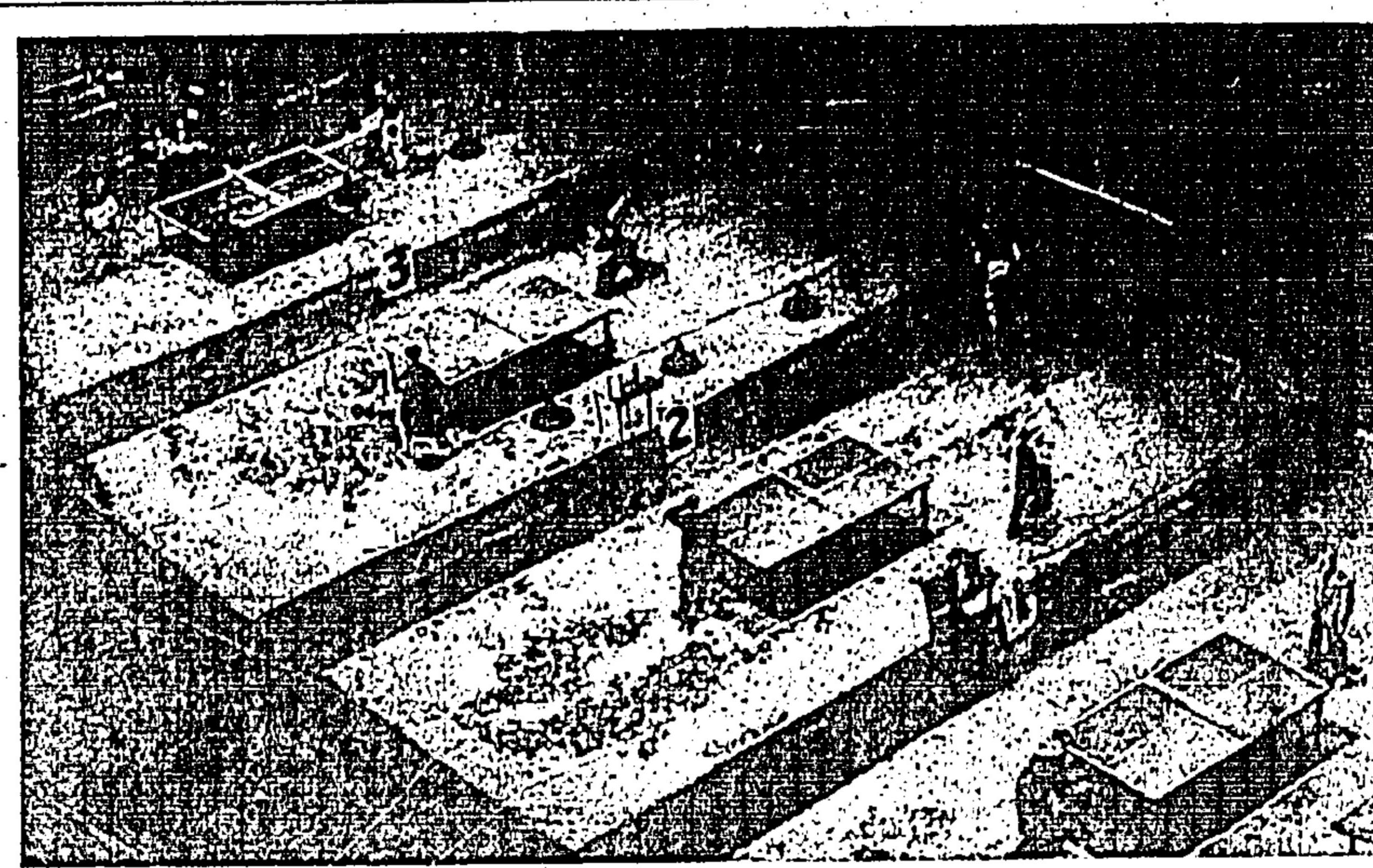
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OUR SPELLING BEE (see page 7)
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PROGRAMME ARRANGED FOR EASTER RACES



ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.—A general view of the scene at the Royal Albert Hall during the start of the English Table Tennis Championships recently. Many continental players took part in the tournament.

England Team To Play Scotland

London, Mar. 27.
The English football team to oppose Scotland at Hampton Park on April 15 will be as follows:

Woodley (Chelsea); Morris (Wolverhampton); Happold (Arsenal); Capt.; Willingham (Huddersfield); Cullis (Wolverhampton); Mercer (Everton); Matthews (Stoke); G. Hall (Tottenham); Lawton (Everton); Goulden (Manchester City); and Brook (Manchester City).—Reuter.

BOGEY (PAR) POOL

F. D. Hunter (1), all square, won the Bogeys (Par) Pool played at Fanling over the week-end. There were twenty entries.

NATIONAL DIGNITY (163), NATIONAL TRIUMPH (151) and PERIAN CAT (157).

The Bendigo Handicap. Six furlongs.—Charecon (152), Fan Ton (152), High Tower (161), Mayfair Court (161), Sports Gesture (161) and The Spirit of St. Louis (155).

The Fulwell Handicap. "D" class, six furlongs.—Cuban Love (140), Double Chance (161), Flybynight (161), Gold Sovereign (161), Good Morning (154), Lancashire Chap (140), National Anthem (140), Royal Highness (168) and Tribute (148).

The Governor's Cup. One mile.—Country Flower (135), Courre Bleu (135), Fairy Aul (160), Fairy Ouse (135), Gold Clause (135), Hohenfels (135), Homomany (140), Meadow Eve (135), Merry Fatty (135), Merry Maker (140), Morning Tip (135), Rosethes Bay (135), Shanghai 4 (140) and Victory Life (140).

The Consolation Stakes. Post entries, half a mile.

In connection with the "Governor's Cup," the 6th race of the programme, a special \$1 sweep is being conducted. The cost of a Through Ticket, including a chance in the special sweep, is \$7. per set, and is obtainable from the Club's office, 2nd Floor, Gloucester Building.

Daily Double Event.—Fifth and seventh races.

Entries close at noon on Thursday, March 30.

MACAO MEETING

Entries and Handicaps for Events on April 2

The following are the entries and handicaps for the events of the April Race Meeting of the Macao Jockey Club, which will be held on Sunday next, April 2.

The Rainha Handicap. Six furlongs.—Country Flower (135), Courre Bleu (154), Fairy Ouse (135), Gold Clause (154), Hohenfels (135), Meadow Eve (135), Merry Fatty (140), Morning Tip (144) and Victory Life (163).

The Highland Handicap. (First section), one mile.—Charybdis (155),

Gold Tower (155), King's Parade (155), Lucky Eleven (158), Mac's Adventure (152), Mongolian Cat (155), Stopwatch (155), Styrene (destroyed) and The Buccaneer (152).

The Highland Handicap. (Second section), one mile.—Cloudy Star (148), Double Up (140), Eagle (140), Iron Knight (140), Latifat (154),

Victory Life (163).

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Double Up (140), Eagle (140), Iron Knight (140), Latifat (154),

Victory Life (163).

SPORT ADVTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 8th and Monday, 10th April, 1939, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 30th March, 1939.

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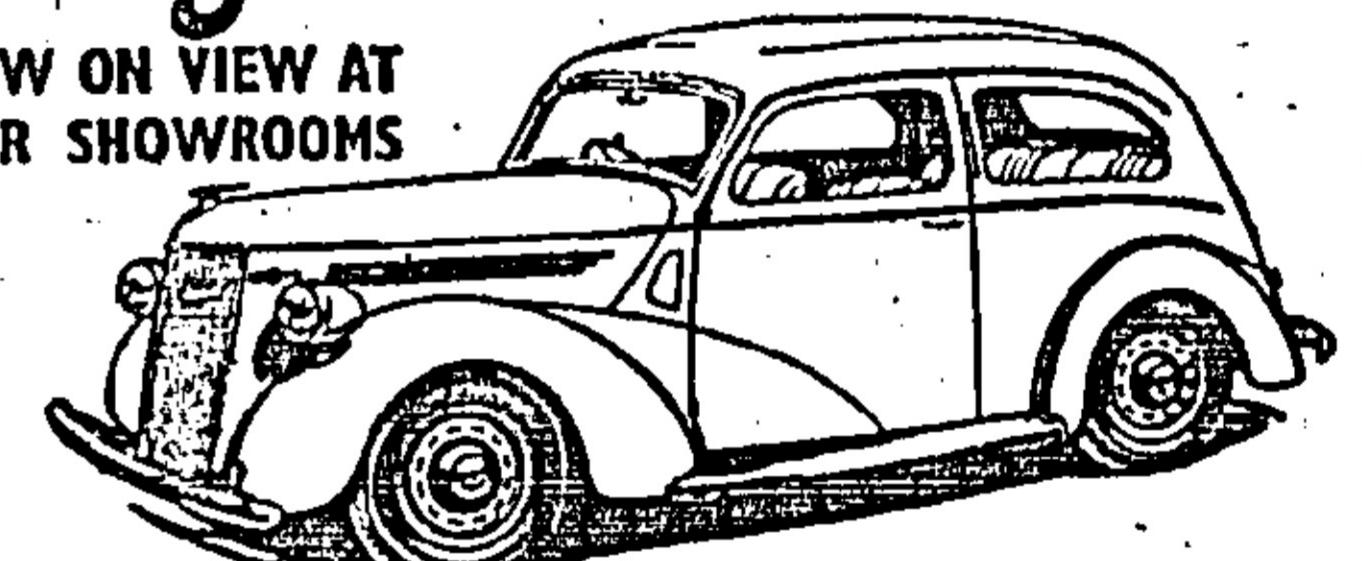
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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1889.
W. S. Gilbert, it is well known, likes to design the dresses of the women in his plays. He says: "I abhor bustles, improvements, tight-lacing and all such abominations, and I think that women's dress should fall in natural folds to the figure."

It is stated that while at Eton Mr. Gladstone was only flogged once, and that was for refusing to betray a school-fellow who got into trouble.

Thus the San Francisco *News Letter*:—"Climbers and Britshers seem to be running a race for unpopularity just at present, with the chances in the largest number of adherents being in favor of the Britshers."

The Liverpool *Post* tells the terrible fate of a congregation of church-goers, who, in being called to rise and receive the benediction, found themselves tied fast to the seats with the same varnish that had not quite dried. Never before was the church so absolutely united, and never one so harmonious in purpose. A frantic cry resulted in success; but there was not a whole coat or dress in the congregation. Silk and broadcloth unbolted every vest, and the hooded people rushed into the streets, baring their limbs over the most exposed parts. The benediction was a failure.

The *Impressario* has been on the other side of the island that week, practising her guns and torpedoes. She caused great consternation amongst the villagers at Aberdeen and Stanley when she took up her torpedos—now she is through with the sea and the beach was covered with groups of fishermen, bawling the wholesale capture of their lawful prey.

The greatest national debt among the nations of the globe is borne by France. It is about £1,600,000,000. Russia comes next with £900,000,000, then England with £800,000,000. Austria-Hungary with £621,000,000; Italy with £560,000,000; Spain with £420,000,000, and Prussia with £220,000,000.

(Compare these with the present day. France owes £2,680,000,000; Russia owes £1,425,674,000, what she will probably never pay; Britain owes £1,184,045,000 and is borrowing another £800,000,000.) As much again as the total debt 50 years ago, Hungary owes £100,000,000; Italy owes £1,985,000,000; Spain owes £180,000,000 before the Civil War, and Germany owes £294,450,000—Ed.)

25 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1914.

ARMY V. PARLIAMENT AND PEOPLE

More Party Heat in the Commons
FIELD MARSHAL SIR JOHN FRENCH RESIGNS

In the House of Commons, Mr. Austen Chamberlain characterised Colonel Seely's resignation as a put-up job, and said that Colonel Seely has prepared the paragraphs, which the Government now repudiate, in consultation with Lord Morley. If these Ministers remain, it is clear that the paper which they approved was binding on their colleagues.

Mr. Winston Churchill, who was cheered upon rising, interrupted, and repudiated Mr. Chamberlain's "injustices." He said that Lord Morley had never given any indication of his own resignation, nor had he any information which had been referred to. He mentioned that the battle squadron which was ordered to Lushun on the 11th inst. would remain there during the crisis, and went on to declare that the great issue of the Army versus Parliament and the People had been decided, and every effort had been made to show that it was always right to shoot a Radical or a worker.

Telegrams from Dublin and the Curragh state that the majority of the cavalry officers reiterate their determination to resign rather than act against Ulster.

Field Marshal Sir John French has resigned.

10 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1929.

The War Office announces that the North and South China Command will be amalgamated in the course of next month. Major-General A. E. Wardrop, at present commanding the British troops in North China, will return Home and the combined Command will be assumed by Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who has just taken over the Szechuan Command from Major-General G. C. Luard. Major-General Sandilands will remain at Hongkong with an augmented Staff. The Shanghai area will be commanded as at present by Brigadier-General O. C. Borrett, who has been in command of the 1st Infantry Brigade since 1927. The Tientsin area will be commanded by Brig.-Gen. Ronald M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., who has been Officer Commanding, North China, since 1926.

The carelessness of a watchman in dropping a lighted cigarette and among a pile of inflammable packing materials is believed to be responsible for the devastating fire which has almost completely destroyed the great new German liner Europa in the Ichim and Voss ship-yard.

The National Government in a proclamation officially declaring war in Wuhan accuses Marshal Li Chai-chum, General Li Chung-ying and General Chen Shao-kai of attempting to sustain the Nanking regime, and a veiled threat of punishment to come is causing deep concern to friends of Marshal Li Chai-chum, who is a prisoner at Nanking. Marshal Chang Kai-shek has left for Hainan to direct operations. First 60,000 troops are reported to be moving against Ping-hsiang and Changsha, while 10,000 others are to press forward against Wuchang.

Marshal Chang Kai-shek will personally direct the right flank, and Hankow is to be attacked from Anhui.

5 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1934.

Important developments in the direction of security undertakings between Britain and France may possibly follow the conference which the French Ambassador, M. Corbin, had with Sir John Simon last evening.

It is learned, exclusively, that the conventional arrangement regarding the question of what further guarantees France would require in order to modify her attitude towards the British draft Disarmament Convention, and that negotiations for tightening up British commitments may follow. This is interpreted as Britain's final offer of security arrangement in Europe, although there is no indication of what concessions Britain may make to meet France's demands.

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CARPETS which cannot be taken up should be thoroughly cleaned with the vacuum cleaner, then rubbed over with a cloth wrung out in equal parts of boiling water and vinegar.

Cover oil or grease stains with a thick paste of Fuller's earth and water, leave to dry, then brush out.

DISTEMPERED walls. Rub down with a pad made of old lace or net to remove surface dust. Washable distemper can then be cleaned with warm water. Wring cloth fairly dry, work from skirting upwards and pat to prevent streaks.

ELDERDOWNS, to dry clean, wash thoroughly, then sprinkle sheets of newspaper thickly with starch, put the elderdown on them and sprinkle more starch on top. Roll up loosely in the paper, put away in a cool, dry place for two or three days, then brush free of starch.

FLOORS. To whiten plain wooden floors, add two tablespoonsfuls of glycerine to the pail of scrubbing water. If you are re-staining floors, remove old stain first with a special stain remover.

Composition floors in kitchen or bathroom can be cleaned with turpentine and steel wool. Leave to dry, then wax polish.

IRON. Iron can be re-surfaced with a liquid preparation. There is also a transparent grade for reviving or stains on woodblock floors can also be removed with steel wool.

MARBLE. Black shoe polish give a glossy finish to black marble man-

tel-pieces and clocks. Use sparingly and polish with a soft duster.

NET curtains. To tint faded net a creamy colour, mix a teaspoonful of powdered yellow ochre with a little cold water, strain through muslin and add to starch or last rinsing water.

OXYDISED bronze or silver. Clean frosted glass with a handful of Epsom-salt in warm water. Rub dry with a cloth or leather.

PAINT. Clean matt paint with a cloth wrung out in hot water and dipped in whitening, rinse with warm water and dry with a soft cloth.

UPHOLSTERY. Grassy patches will usually yield to carbon tetrachloride. Brush well so that it loosens the dirt, then remove with a clean, dry cloth.

UPHOLSTERED chairs can be freshened with hot bran. Brush first to remove surface dust, then rub with the hot, dry bran, finishing by brushing again with a stiff, clean clothes brush.

VELVET and chenille. Wash in warm soap suds with a little ammonia added to force out the dirt. Rinse in tepid water, squeeze out surplus water, and dry quickly in the open. Press by drawing the wrong side of the material over the edge of a hot iron.

WALLPAPER. Clean with a mixture of lemon juice and whitening. Rub on carefully, leave to dry, then brush off.

Slightly soiled ivory can be cleaned with methylated spirit or eau-de-Cologne sprinkled on a soft cloth.

JEWELLERY. To restore the lustre of pearls, real or imitation, bury in powdered magnesia for a few hours.

GOLD is put in a cup of warm water with a few drops of ammonia added, then polished with jeweller's rouge damped with ammonia.

PEARLS. Stones, with the exception of opals and turquoise, can be cleaned with a cloth wrung out in salt water.

KITCHEN-tables; to whiten. Scrub with a mixture of ½lb. soft soap, ¼lb. silver sand and six tablespoonsfuls of salt.

SASH CORDS. Rub over with a whitening and vinegar. Rub well with a damp cloth when cleaning the paint, rinse with hot water and dry.

then rub with yellow soap. They will slide easily and last longer.

TILES. Red quarry tiles should be well rubbed with soft soap. Leave soap on overnight, then scrub with hot water and a stiff brush. Rinse, dry, then polish with red tile polish to bring up the colour.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Short Cuts

A dress that is to be remodelled has to be ripped carefully. Use a sharp knife or pointed scissors in rippling seams apart and be sure you do not stretch the material, especially at the neck and armholes.

Wrinkled neckties may be freshened as follows: Cut a cardboard form to fit into the wide or outer end of the tie. Cover with a dampened cheesecloth and press with hot iron.

Try putting yellowed ivory in the sun to dry after washing with soap and water. After several treatments of this kind they should begin to grow whiter.

CROWN FOR HITLER Ancient South Russian Relic for Birthday

A Gothic crown whose history goes back for hundreds of years, is to be presented to Herr Hitler, Chancellor of Germany, to mark his fiftieth birthday, on April 20.

This news is confirmed locally, and it is ascertained that local Germans have already forwarded their subscriptions to Berlin.

Unfortunately the history of the crown itself is not known here. All that can be learned is that it is very old and formerly belonged to a South Russian ruler. The object of the subscriptions, it is presumed, is to purchase it from the present holder.

BRIDGE AND MAHJONG

The last Bridge and Mahjong Drive of the M.C.L. financial year was held yesterday afternoon at the Peninsula Hotel.

A large number of ladies attended, making up tables of Contract Bridge, Mahjong Clear Game, and Mahjong Chinese Game, and helped to make the function a complete success.

Attractive prizes were on display during the afternoon, and in the evening were presented.



The ever crisp navy blue and white combination is here again in this lovely ensemble. The coat carries an all-over pattern of white on the blue; the dress is snowy white, the fabric of both is a pure silk crepe.

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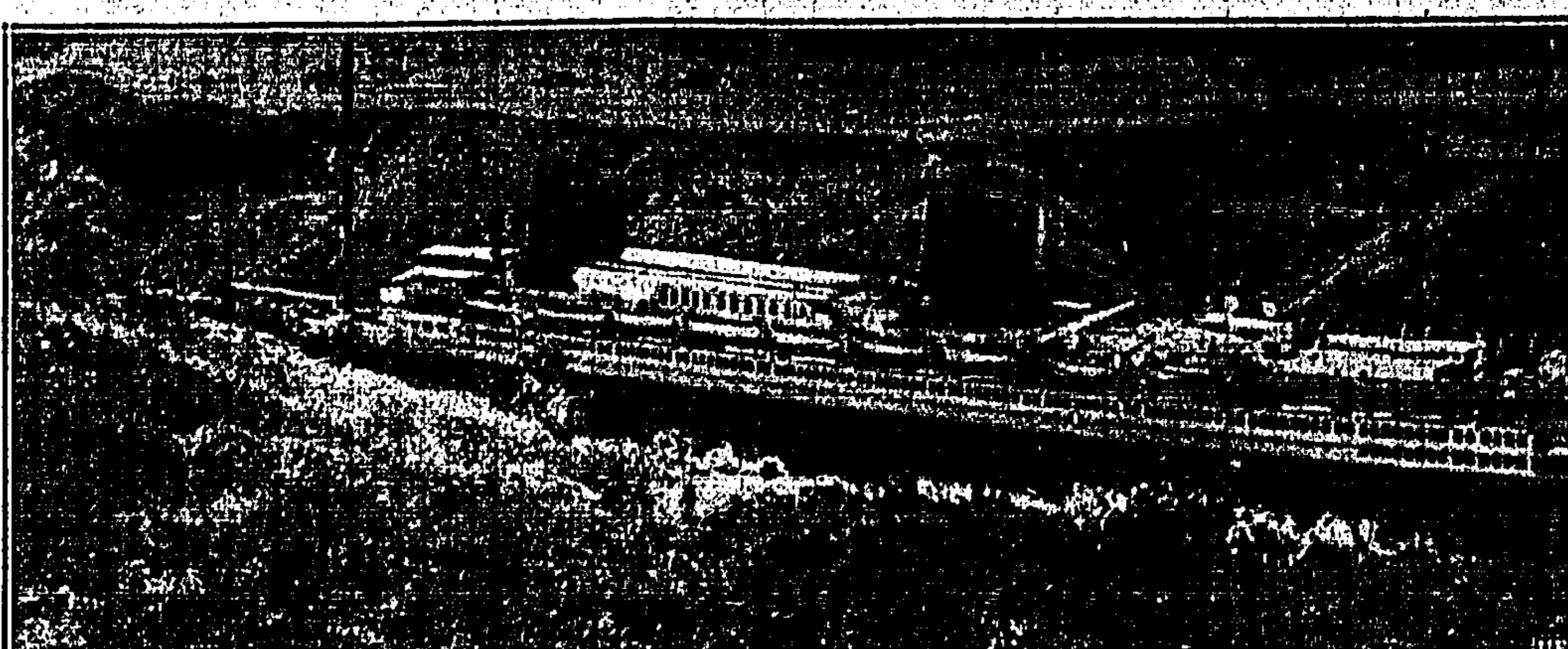
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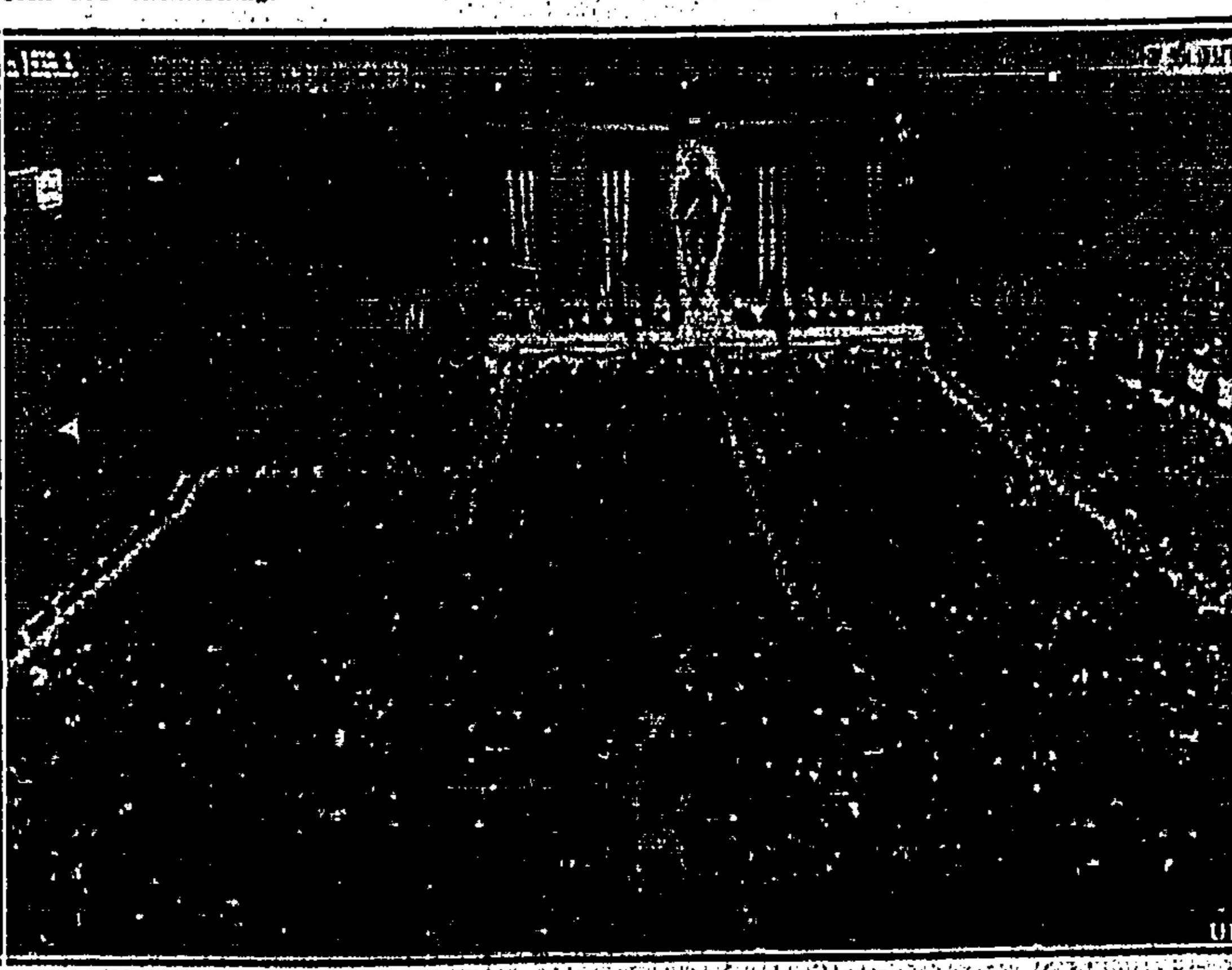
This is no landlocked ship; but the 51,000-ton German-liner Bremen attempting to pass through Gaillard Cut of the Panama Canal, while on a southern cruise. She was the largest ship ever to negotiate the canal and the passage was a tight squeeze, as may be seen here. The ship took nearly 12 hours to pass through the canal.



Bright skies, balmy weather and a vast crowd saw the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition off to a grand start, on Treasure Island, San Francisco Bay. Here is one of the elephant trains, with tusks protruding near the headlights, that help to relieve tired feet.



Three days after it crashed on Long Island Sound, near Glenwood Landing, this plane owned by the Persian Government was raised to a barge for possible repairs and study of what caused the accident. Pilot and co-pilot, trying it for purchase of similar craft, were unhurt.



Scene in Madison Square Garden, New York, when 23,000 persons assembled at the German-American Bund's "Americanism" rally and celebration of Washington's birthday. Huge picture of Washington backed the stage.

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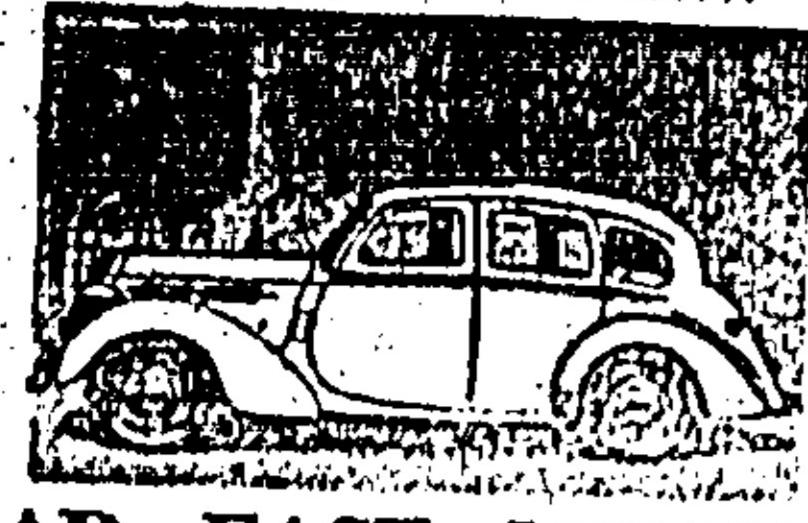
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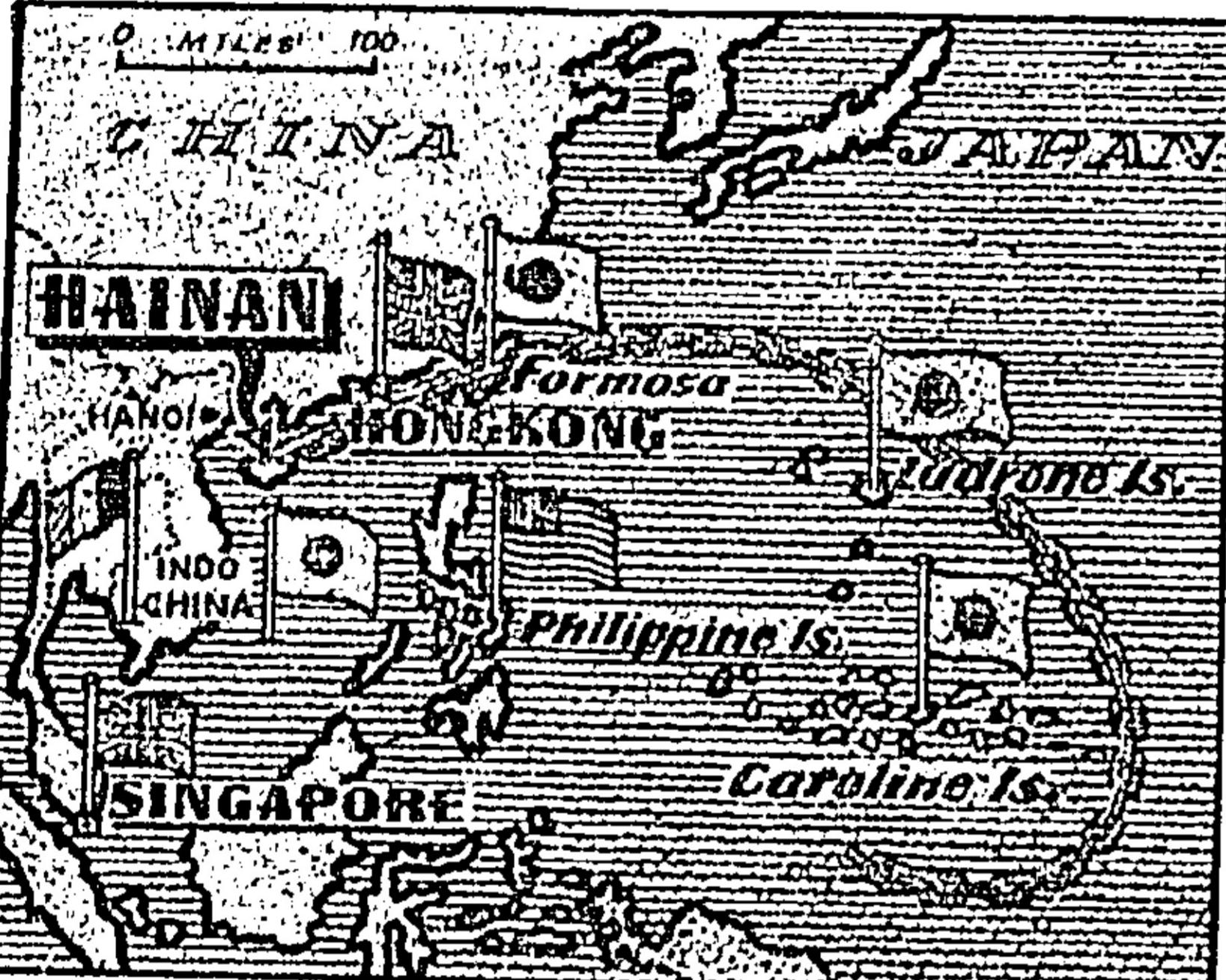
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DYNAMITE & FIRE DESTROY CHINA'S PROUDEST CITY

NANCHANG, "city of southern prosperity," has been dynamited and fired by the retreating Chinese forces.

The Kiangsi capital, long regarded as China's most conservative, proud and wealthiest city, is, afame from end to end.



With footholds in Hainan, Canton and Formosa, and in her mandated land in the Ladronne and Caroline groups, Japan rings the United States outpost in the Philippines, and straddles the route from Singapore to Hongkong and Shanghai.

POLISH ARMY ON DANZIG BORDER

DANZIG, Mar. 27.

RELIABLE SOURCES state that a large number of Polish troops have been concentrated near the Danzig area recently to quietly strengthen the frontier posts.

They are also concentrated to the north against the possibility of a German attempt to make a quick move to annex Danzig.

Apparently the German press campaign for pressure being brought on Poland in connection with Danzig and the Polish Corridor is being undertaken by semi-official sources in Germany, who have ascribed it to the Poles' purported anti-German activities.

The German campaign charges that Polish organisations are systematically attempting to disrupt relations with Germany.

An official German News Agency's report from Bromberg, charging that German women and children in the Polish corridor have been attacked, are constantly referred to.

Previously, such statements sometimes preceded a movement to expand the frontiers of the Reich.

Both the German and Polish Governments have denied reports of troop movements in the Corridor area.

The Germans have also categorically denied any plans to move on Danzig or the Corridor in the near future, although responsible quarters express the belief privately that Poland should act cautiously when dealing with Germany.

The Polish Government has officially denied any knowledge of the mistreatment of the German minority in the Polish corridor.

They have also re-asserted their readiness to fight if the Polish frontiers are endangered.—United Press.

GREAT SECRECY

Paris, Mar. 27. The special security measures decided upon by the Polish Government are being carried out with great secrecy, reports the "Paris Soir" this evening.

Polish newspapers have been forbidden to reveal or comment on troop movements, and mobilisation measures, and foreign correspondents have been instructed not to report on the military situation, or to make mention of rumours.—Trans-Ocean.

Jew Refugees For Far East Shipload Departs From Germany

Mar. 27.

SIX HUNDRED Jews departed by special train to-day for Genoa, from where they will sail by the Conte Biancamano on March 20 for Singapore, Shanghai, the Dutch Indies, Indo-China, and Siam.

The emigrants are mostly young or medium-aged people of both sexes, and all professions are represented, and most of them are going to Shanghai.

Aided by the different International societies for the aid of Jewish emigrants, each carried a handbag with a few belongings.

The party was conducted to the Indian border by German officials.—Reuter.

Pepper Attack In P.E. Road

In excruciating pain when she was blinded with pepper thrown into her eyes, an amah employed by Mr. S. E. Minshall, of 207, Prince Edward Road, was the victim of a brutal day-night attack this morning.

The amah, Yeo Yuk, was walking along Prince Edward Road when she was attacked by three men, one of whom threw the pepper into her eyes. The men threw her to the ground and after robbing her of about one dollar in small cash, decamped.

Three people witnessed the attack and chased the robbers. They were joined by Mr. Minshall, a lorry driver, a Dairy Farm cooie and a Police Constable.

The alleged assailants were arrested within five minutes and will appear in Court to-morrow.

As the Japanese troops marched in last night, the Chinese rear guard systematically set the torch to strategic buildings which had previously been dynamited.

Throughout the night the flames licked hungrily at the proud city's buildings.

They spread from street to street.

The Japanese were helpless and watched with chagrin their rich prize turn to ashes before their eyes.

Rapidly Cutting

This morning, huge pillars of flame and smoke are visible for miles around. The Japanese report that the entire city is being rapidly gutted.

In burning and dynamiting Nanchang, the Japanese claim that the Chinese have resorted to the scorched earth policy on a scale never before attempted.

The city, which once boasted a population of 1,250,000, is completely deserted except for the Japanese and hundreds of famished dogs.

Military planes flying over the ruins this morning report that no section is free from flames.

Heart In Ruins

Whole streets are disappearing in a holocaust of fire.

The heart of the city lies in smouldering ruins.

Chinese defences have been blown up, guns have been spliced.

The water system has been destroyed to prevent the Japanese from fighting the flames.

It is feared that the famous "Pavilion of the Gilded Ball," the famous Nanchang landmark surrounded by a ball which is said to be of pure gold, has suffered extensive damage from the aerial and artillery bombardments of the city.

Stubborn Defence

The stubbornness of the Chinese defence of Nanchang is revealed by the fact that casualties on both sides during the past 96 hours have been the severest of any engagement in the entire Sino-Japanese War.

Japanese communiques admit that Japanese losses have been severe, but give no figures.

It is claimed, however, that in one day's fighting the Chinese losses were 3,700 dead and 770 were taken prisoners.

An official Japanese communiqué this morning claimed that the strongly-reinforced Chinese defences on the upper reaches of the Siu River had crumbled in the centre and it was stated that at 6 a.m. to-day the Japanese were within four miles of Wuning, the former Chinese G.H.Q.

Talipingshan and Tanghutou are claimed to have been captured by the Japanese during all-night fighting.

No Surrender

The Japanese communiques admit that the Chinese resistance has been surprisingly stubborn.

At no point have the Chinese abandoned their well-fortified trenches and the Japanese advance has been made possible only by the virtual wiping out of Chinese defence positions with point-blank artillery fire and low-flying bombers.

The Chinese Third, Sixteenth, 53rd and 77th Divisions bore the brunt of the Japanese attack.

The Sixteenth Division, which was reorganised following severe losses in the Battle of Tchon last October, has again sustained heavy losses in the defence of the Wuning area.

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Unique In History

The Japanese are now in complete control of Nanchang since the Rising Sun flag was hoisted above the Castle Gate at 4.00 p.m. last night.

Thus, for the first time in history, Nanchang's 900-year-old walls, 22

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£30,000,000 FOR FRANCO

The Spanish Nationalist authorities are seeking to recover some £30,000,000 gold deposited in France by the Republicans.

This is only an estimate. The exact amount deposited is not known.

The Bank of France holds £20,000,000 in bars. This was deposited by the Bank of Spain in 1931 as security for a loan.

Other large amounts have been deposited at various French banks. It is not yet known how much of this has been spent. The remainder will be credited to the Nationalist Government.

Another item is gold and silver seized by the French Customs at Cerbere. It is believed to amount to £1,500,000.



JAPANESE MECHANISED units, similar to those employed in the capture of Nanchang, entering Kwailin City this month.

EVACUATION OF MADRID BEGINS

ST. JEAN de LUZ, Mar. 27. IT WAS ANNOUNCED in a broadcast to-day that the evacuation of Madrid began this afternoon.

A Burgos message says that the Nationalists have captured Almaden in the mercury mining area.—Reuter.

"Trans-Ocean" claims that Republican troops in the University quarter of Madrid have surrendered to the Nationalist troops. There are no reports of surrender being made from other sectors in Madrid.

OMINOUS SILENCE

Burgos, Mar. 27. The Madrid broadcasting station suddenly ceased broadcasting at noon to-day, and has since been silent.

The last item transmitted before operations ceased was a communiqué issued by the Defence Council forbidding any individual action or independent operations on the Madrid front, and ordering the rank and file to follow only the instructions issued by the Defence Council.

The fact that the order for the day did not include a final appeal to resist attacks made by the Nationalists is assumed here to mean that the evacuation of Madrid is imminent.

Other sources believe that the breakdown of the radio station indicates further trouble between the Defence Council and the anarchists.

Trans-Ocean.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN MADRID

Paris, Mar. 27. While heavy fighting was going on this afternoon between Republican artillery in Madrid and Nationalist guns on the outskirts of the city, the streets of the Spanish capital were the scene of numerous shooting affrays between Republican troops and armed civilians, according to dispatches received in Paris.

Although the majority of the Republican garrison is apparently resolved to surrender in order to avoid useless bloodshed, the Communist elements seemed determined to prevent capitulation by using force.—Trans-Ocean.

HUNGARIAN OFFENSIVE

BRATISLAVA, Mar. 27. A reliable report from Perles states that the Hungarians have launched an offensive in the Michalovce and Sobrance sector.

Bombing planes and artillery are being used.

This offensive coincides with the Slovak delegation's departure to Budapest for peace negotiations.

The reports state the offensive was well organised. The bombing planes and artillery first pounded the Slovak defences, after which the infantry advanced but were repulsed by the Slovaks.

It is assumed here that this was made as a last effort to advance the Hungarian occupation as far as possible in the language of the Berlin statements.—Reuter.

BRATISLAVA, Mar. 27.

"United Press" states that it is officially announced that General Nagy's troops have occupied Vilanova.

Other Nationalist forces advanced 12 miles on the Toledo front to the south and then turned eastward, reaching the outskirts of Vigo.

The fact that there is no direct attack on Madrid, where a tacit truce continues, indicates the hope that the city will surrender has not been abandoned.

Military authorities emphasize that the Communists are predominant on the Cordoba and Toledo fronts.

Well informed circles in Valencia state that all Republicans will be in General Franco's hands by nightfall.

A flight of 14 planes, left Manises

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LITHUANIAN SHAKE-UP

KOVNO, Mar. 27.—The Lithuanian Cabinet has resigned.

This forms a climax to the political crisis which resulted from the German occupation of Memel.

The President has given General John Tsernius, the Chief of Staff, the task of forming a new cabinet.

It is understood that the utmost will be done to form a government uniting all parties.—United Press.

Rebel C. in C. Killed Shot Dead In Round-Up

JERUSALEM,
Mar. 27.

ABDUL RAHIM, the so-called rebel commander-in-chief, was shot dead while trying to break a cordon thrown round a village near Nablus to-day.

Another report says that the first shooting outrage for some weeks resulted to-day in the serious wounding of a Jew in the Muarara quarter of Jerusalem.

A 48-hour stay-at-home order has been imposed in the area.

Another Jew was shot dead in Tiberias, and the curfew was immediately imposed.

A third outrage occurred at Haifa where a Jewish supernumerary constable was fatally wounded when shots were fired at a mail van.—Reuter Special.

LATEST

City Quiet

Madrid, Mar. 27.

At present there is no sign of the threatened offensive.

The city is quiet except for the sounds of anti-aircraft guns firing at 12 Nationalist bombers which are cruising over the city. The planes have so far dropped no bombs.

Police headquarters are crowded with people applying for passports, and the road from Madrid to Valencia is lined with refugees.—Reuter.

Dissension In Cabinet?

Tory Conference On Thursday

LONDON, Mar. 27.

CONTINUED REPORTS of dissension in the Cabinet are not taken seriously in well-informed Parliamentary quarters, "Reuter" learns.

Consultations regarding the declaration on aggression are proceeding normally, and the Cabinet is solidly behind the Premier on this matter.

No pledge has been given France on the subject of conscription, and no dissension in the Cabinet on the question is apparent.

The foremost matter for consideration at the present is a review of the voluntary national register promised for the end of March.

There are indications that new developments will result, and that a comprehensive scheme for compulsory physical training of youth is a possibility.

Rise In Navy Estimates For 1939

Statement Issued By First Lord

The Navy Estimates for 1939 (Stationery Office, No. 60, price 7s. 6d.) were issued recently. They were accompanied by a statement by the First Lord of the Admiralty and the customary Notes on matters of general interest (Cmnd. 5952, price 4d.). The First Lord's statement is as follows:—

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In addition the sum of £1,000,000 is required for the current service of previous issues from the Consolidated Fund under the Defence Loans Act, as compared with £100,000 in 1938.

The total amount required in 1939 is £149,329,000, compared with £126,117,500 in 1938, an increase of £23,211,500.

Of the total required for 1939, it is proposed to meet £80,000,000 from borrowed money, against £30,000,000 in 1938. It follows that £60,300,000 will require to be met from revenue in 1939, an increase of £10,300,000 in 1938, a decrease of £7,700,000.

The largest element in the increase over last year's Estimates is the cost of New Construction. Apart from the bigger provision for work on this year's larger programme, which is being started earlier in the financial year, the increases due to the completion of the programmes of 1936, 1937, and 1938 are now at a standstill, at which the heaviest expenditure is incurred on them.

BUILDING PROGRAMME

The new Construction Programme for 1939 includes:

- 2 Capital ships.
- 1 Aircraft Carrier.
- 4 Destroyers.
- 2 Flotillas of Destroyers.
- 4 Submarines.
- 20 Fast Escort Vessels.
- 2 Escort Vessels (normal type).
- 10 Minesweepers.
- Fast Minelayer.
- 1 Depot Ship for Motor Torpedo Boats.
- 1 Gunboat.
- 1 Hospital Ship.
- 6 Motor Torpedo Boats.
- 2 Boom Patrol Boats.
- 1 Motor Launch Service Tug and a number of miscellaneous small craft.

In the principal categories of ships, this programme is larger than the 1938 programme except in the case of the Royal Yacht, the design of which is not yet sufficiently advanced to permit an estimate to be made, is expected to be £60,000,000.

Additional funds for the Royal Australian Air Force have been allocated, the highest increase this year are on account of the Fleet Air Arm Works and the larger bearing of personnel. The numbers of ships included with the present additions in the section headed "Notes on Matters of General Interest."

As in previous years, allowance has been made for anticipated under-spending on contract work.

STANHOPE.
Admiralty, February 23rd, 1939.

NAVAL TREATIES

The Escalator Clause—

The Notes on matters of general interest are as follows:

In the negotiations for the Anglo-Italian Agreement of April 10, 1938, the Italian Government took up the proposal of the London Naval Treaty (1930) as soon as the instrument annexed to the Protocol of April 10 came into force. In fulfillment of this understanding, the Italian Government acceded to the London Naval Treaty on December 2, 1938.

A multi-lateral Agreement on the lines of the London Naval Treaty was signed by representatives of Great Britain, Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden on December 21, 1938. The only notable difference from the London Naval Treaty is that Sweden, whose Power has the right to lay down or acquire three vessels not exceeding 8,000 tons displacement, the main armament of which consists of guns of more than 100 calibre, but not less than 80 calibre. This exception enables Scandinavian Powers to start replacing their coast defence vessels which have formed an important element of their Navies in the past. This Agreement has not yet been ratified. It entered into force on ratification by all the Signatory Powers.

On April 27, 1938, a bilateral Agreement on the lines of the London Naval Treaty (1930) was entered into by Poland and the United Kingdom, and came into force on November 22, 1938.

On March 31, 1938, U.S.A. and Great Britain, with the consent of France, invited the Italian Government, in order to increase the maximum permitted tonnage of capital ships, to agree to a limit of displacement for capital ships to

be agreed by the two countries. The former has joined the latter in the East Indies Station.

The Widgeman has joined the 1st Anti-Submarine Flotilla and Portland and the Guinean, Pintail and Starboard will, on completion, relieve other vessels.

Minesweepers are anticipated that the Bramble, Dromont, Sledgy and Spurix will join the Flotilla during the coming year.

The small Motor Minesweepers (MMS Nos. 1 and 2) are being used for experimental purposes.

The older minesweepers have been rearmed.

The new gunboat Scorpion has replaced the old flagship of Rear-Admiral Yoncet, having joined the patrol China under her own power. The Bedouin will be broken up at Shanghai.

The new small minelayers Linnet, Ringdove, and Redstart have been completed. The Redstart is on her way to the 2nd Motor Torpedo-Boat Flotilla under the Commander-in-Chief, China Station.

Six motor torpedo-boats of the 1937 programme have been allocated to the Mediterranean and the Far East, where they will proceed to Malta during the coming year, where they will form the 2nd Motor Torpedo-Boat Flotilla.

The cruiser Apollo (7,000 tons), which has been purchased by the Commonwealth Government, was commissioned into H.M.A.S. Hobart on September 28, 1938.

The Commonwealth Government has also agreed to buy the Amphion, which is the first ship to be built in Australia, and its transfer will become H.M.A.S. Perth.

H.M.A.S. Australia paid off for rearming on April 27, 1938, and will be recommissioned into the Royal Australian Navy at Adelaide to oil fuel burning.

Two Escort Vessels to be named H.M.A.S. Admiraal and Warrego are being built in Australia, and will be ready to complete at the end of 1940.

Considerable progress has been made by the Commonwealth Government towards the completion of naval seaward defences for the main ports in order to secure them against attacks by submarines and mine-laying. Personnel production has been increased, shore facilities of defended ports are being expanded, and an increase in personnel has been made in the Royal Australian Navy.

The fixed coast defences of all Australian defended ports are being further strengthened.

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SERVICES

The international situation during 1938 interfered to some extent with combined exercises in connection with the other Services. It has, nevertheless, proved possible to carry out valuable exercises of this nature both at sea and ashore with the object of practising the landing of troops and testing the defences of ports.

The usual exercises between the Royal Canadian Navy and the Royal Canadian Air Force have been retained in connexion with the two cruisers of the New Zealand Division, H.M.S. Achilles and Leander.

South Africa

The fixed defences at Simonstown and Cape Town are to be further increased and modernized. Pending the completion of the defences at Capetown, the monitor Erebus, which is being converted into a gunboat, will proceed to the Union of South Africa.

The whole question of South African defence against a German attack will be submitted to the South African Minister of Defence, during his visit to the Union in the autumn.

India

The subscription of £100,000 annually paid by the Government of India in respect of services rendered by the Royal Navy ceased on April 1, 1938. Thereafter India will contribute towards the maintenance of six modern escort vessels which will cooperate with the Royal Navy in war, and for the building up of her local naval forces.

The gunnery branch has been increased, reorganized, and modernized. Pending the completion of the Flotilla Leader, the British submarine flotilla will be further increased and modernized.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST OCTOBER, 1938.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 18TH MARCH, 1939, to TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1939.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Thirty-fourth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Thursday, the 13th April, 1939, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 29th March to 13th April, 1939, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY LIMITED.

General Managers.
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1939.

H. M. DOCKYARD,
HONG KONG.

EXAMINATION FOR LOCAL CLERKS.

A limited competitive examination for vacancies for 3rd grade Local Clerks will be held on 11th April, at 9.30 a.m. Candidates must be between the ages of 19-30. Examination will embrace English Essay and Dictation, Arithmetic and Typewriting.

Application for selection to compete must be made in the candidate's own handwriting and should reach the Naval Store Officer, H. M. Dockyard not later than a.m. 1st April.

Two passport photographs of the candidate must be sent with the application.

HONGKONG CLUB

Notice

The Ninety Fifth Yearly General Meeting of the Members of the Hongkong Club will be held in the Club House on Tuesday, the 28th March, 1939, at 5.30 p.m.

By order,

S. R. KERR,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1939.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London ... 1s. 2.25/32

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T.T. Shanghai ... 170

T.T. Singapore ... 52%

T.T. Japan ... 105%

T.T. India ... 82%

T.T. U.S.A. ... 281

T.T. Manila ... 57%

T.T. Batavia ... 54%

T.T. Bangkok ... 150%

T.T. Salgon ... 100%

T.T. France ... 107

T.T. Germany ... 134

T.T. Switzerland ... 127%

T.T. Australia ... 1/678

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EVAUCATION OF MADRID BEGINS

(Continued from Page 1.)

airstrip at dawn to-day while others have been passing overhead en route to Burgos throughout the day.

Earlier it was reported that the Republican forces from Tremuntia have been withdrawn with the exception of one group which has resisted ferociously.—United Press.

NATIONALIST OFFENSIVE
Toledo, Mar. 27. The Nationalist offensive on the Toledo front to-day saw 100,000 well equipped and partly motorized troops in action.

While the Machizrago Army Corps under General Garcia Viallo, and the Navarres brigades under General Solchaga broke through the Republican lines between Guadarrama and Arges, about 10 miles south of Toledo, a column commanded by General Pante crossed the Tajo River and advanced in the direction of Ventosa.

General Viallo's troops had advanced seven miles by this evening, and expected to converge with General Solchaga in the course of the night.

Several heights which had formerly constituted a threat to Toledo were captured without trouble, and the territory within a radius of 40 miles of Toledo was mopped up.

The Republicans scarcely fired a shot during the offensive, and are offering no resistance.

It is expected that the encirclement of Madrid will be completed by Tuesday or Wednesday at the latest.—Trans-Ocean.

TOLEDO OFFENSIVE

Burgos, Mar. 27. The second Nationalist offensive started this morning in the neighbourhood of Toledo, where infantry advanced after 90 minutes of preparatory artillery fire.

The Nationalists met with practically no resistance, and the Republicans surrendered everywhere without fighting.

Large numbers of prisoners have been taken together with considerable quantities of war materials.

The Nationalist advance on two sectors continues to be rapid and insisive, according to reports reaching Burgos.—Trans-Ocean.

FRANCO'S BIG EFFORT

Hendaye, Mar. 27. The nationalists to-day drove through the Loyalists lines in south and central Spain and prepared to march on Madrid, without any important resistance.

The negotiations for surrender are apparently bogged down because the Defence Council felt they were unable to control the anarchist and others.

According to Nationalist advices the Republican troops are fighting with the civilians in the suburbs of Madrid, demanding the city's immediate surrender.

The Nationalists have announced that General Franco has also opened a new offensive in the Toledo and broken the Republican lines.

It is reported that he has coordinated the Pozoblanco drive in a pincer action against Ciudad Real.—United Press.

DRIVE ON TOLEDO

Burgos, Mar. 27. General Franco's forces have struck in the Toledo sector.

They claim to have broken the Republican front, and to have penetrated to a considerable depth.

The Republicans are stated to be in disordered flight near the Toledo bridgehead.—Reuter.

ITALIAN AIR CLAIMS

Rome, Mar. 27. It is officially stated that Italian legionary aviation in Spain has brought down 903 enemy aircraft from the beginning of the Spanish civil war until March 22.

Italian air force losses in Spain during the same period were 59 officers and 233 other ranks, while 88 aircraft were lost.—Reuter Special.

Gold Exports To Czechoslovakia

London, Mar. 27. The Czechoslovak Restriction on Banking Accounts Bill passed its third reading to-day and received the Royal Assent.—Reuter.

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FRANCIS I. du PONT & COMPANY REPORT BY CABLE:

STOCKS: London and Paris agree that Signor Mussolini's speech has improved prospects of temporary easing of the European political tension.

The French Government is reported to be ordering 100 additional warplanes from Glen Martin and Douglas Aircraft.

Furniture manufacturers report February new business to be over 30 per cent above the corresponding period of 1938.

EARNINGS: Stock Period 1938 1937
Anaconda Copper Mining ... Yr. 31/12 \$1.10 \$3.02
Union Carbide ... Yr. 31/12 \$2.77 \$4.75
Kenecott Mining ... Yr. 31/12 \$2.10
Electric Auto-Lite ... 4th quarter \$1.20

MARCH 24 MARCH 27

LONDON AVERAGES:
Stock Period 1938 1937
Industrial Average 97.5 98.0
Rails Average 54.8 55.7

These averages are based on 100 as of December 31, 1934.

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H. K. T. 12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 George Formby, Gracie Fields and Duke Ellington and His Orchestra.

Cotton—Fox-Trot (from "Cotton Club Parade")... Duke Ellington and His Orchestra with Vocal by Ivy Anderson; George Formby Medley; Intro: Sitting on the Ice; Do de oh Do; Chinese Laundry Blues; Madame Moscow; My Ukulele; Fanlight Fanny... George Formby and Comedina (with His Ukulele and Orchestra); Twelfth Street Rag—Fox-Trot; Awful Snd—Fox-Trot... Duke Ellington and His Orchestra; I Think Of You (Turk, Hanley and Lyman); Like the Big Pots Do (Long)... Gracie Fields (Comedina) with Orchestra; East St. Louis Toodle-oo; Rockin' Chair—Fox-Trot... Duke Ellington and His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Charlie Kunz at the Piano.

Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 1; Intro: Dancing with my Shadow; June in January; What a little Moonlight can do; I've got an invitation to a Dance; Blue Moon; Easter Parade; Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. R. 5; Intro: When I grow too old to Dream; The Bridal Waltz; One Night of Love; My Dance; The Girl with the Dreamy Eyes.

1.15 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.30 Dance Music.

Willie—The Forger; Blowing Bubbles... The Green Brothers' Marimba Band with Vocal Chorus; Fox-Trots—Xylophones; Lady Of Madrid... Joe Green (Xylophone) and Millie Herth (Organ).

1.45 Relay of the Rotary Time Signals from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Speaker: Rohrman M. F. Key, O.B.E. Subject: "Miss Inspiration"; An account of a Rotary Convention.

2.15 Close Down.

2.00 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Garden of the Moon; (b) If Dreams come true; (c) Foolin' Myself.

11.00 Close Down.

6.14 Record: Clownerie Swing (Azarola); Rumba Acrobatic (Azarola)... Azarola at the Piano.

6.21 (a) Who are we to say; (b) I've got a pickleful of dreams; (c) Music for Sweethearts; (d) Rhythm Excursion.

6.35 Records: Bojangles of Harlem (film "Swing Time"); A Fine Romance (film "Swing Time")... Fred Astaire (Vocal) with Jimmy Green's Orchestra; Schon Rosmarin (Kreisler)... Marcel Mule (Saxophone) with Piano.

7.00 London Relay—The Thin Red Line.

The Royal Welch Fusiliers.

This year the Royal Welch Fusiliers celebrates the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its foundation.

In this programme listeners will hear of the many engagements in which the Fusiliers have fought with distinction, and of the regiment's privileges and traditions. Production by T. Rowland Hughes.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 B.M.C. Recording—"Love Needs a Waltz".

A Radio Operetta, Book and Lyrics by James Dyrforth. Music by K. Leslie-Smith.

8.06 The Kentucky Minstrels.

True Till Death (Scott Gatti); Whispers and I Shall Hear (Piccolino)... Soloist: John Duncan; Love, Could I Only Tell Thee (Birmingham Capel)... conducted by Leslie Woodgate with Herbert Dawson at the Organ.

8.15 London Relay—Oliver Bean's Adventures.

A dramatic sketch by Burges Merton. Scene: A test studied of a large motion picture company. Produced by Barbara Burnham.

8.30 London Relay—The News.

8.50 Songs by Richard Tauber (Tenor).

Venice, City Of My Dreams (film "Heart's Desire"); Let Me Awaken Your Heart (film "Heart's Desire"); My World Is Gold Because You Love Me (film "Heart's Desire")... with Orchestra conducted by Idris Lewis.

9.00 London Relay—The City of London.

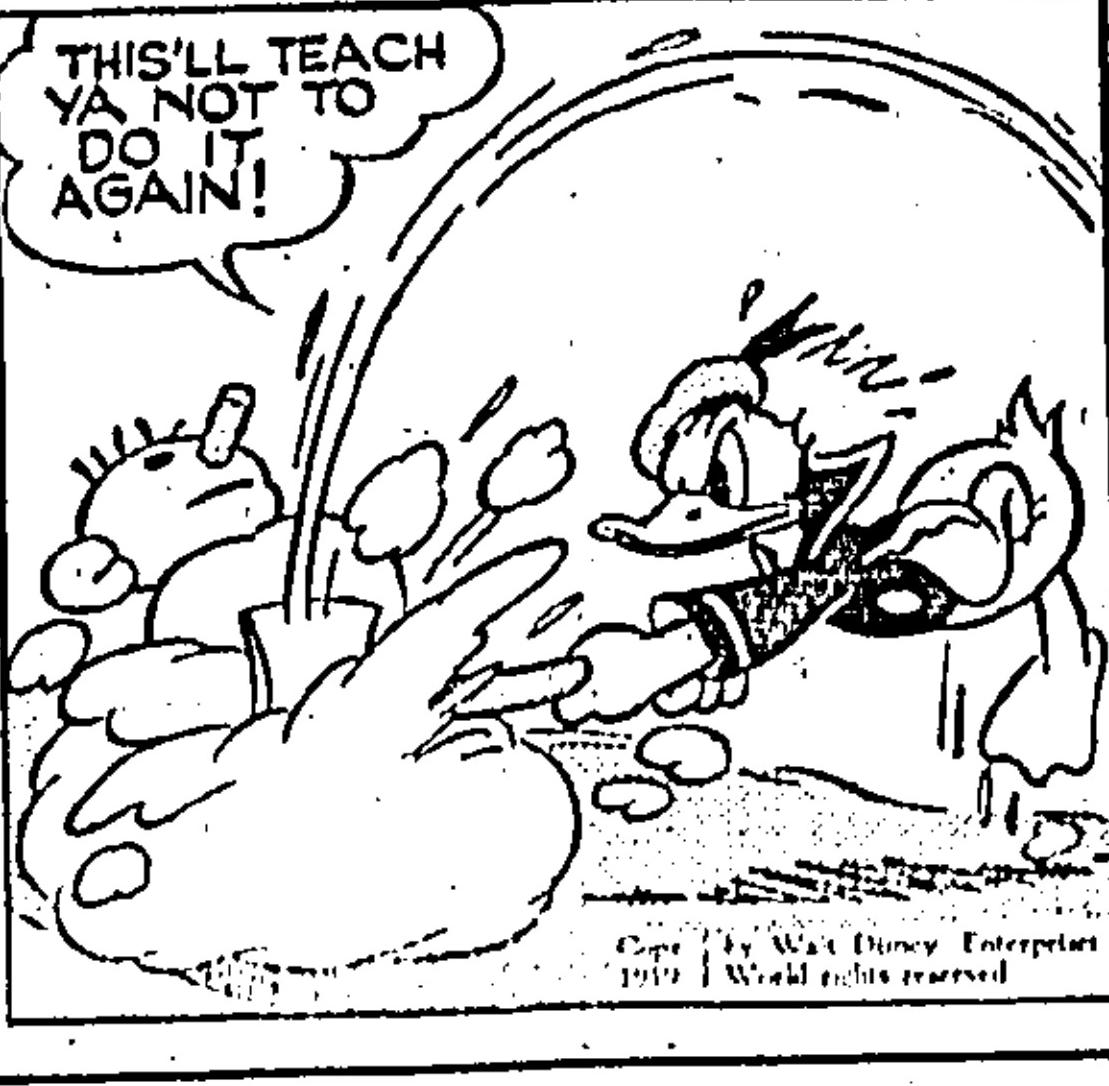
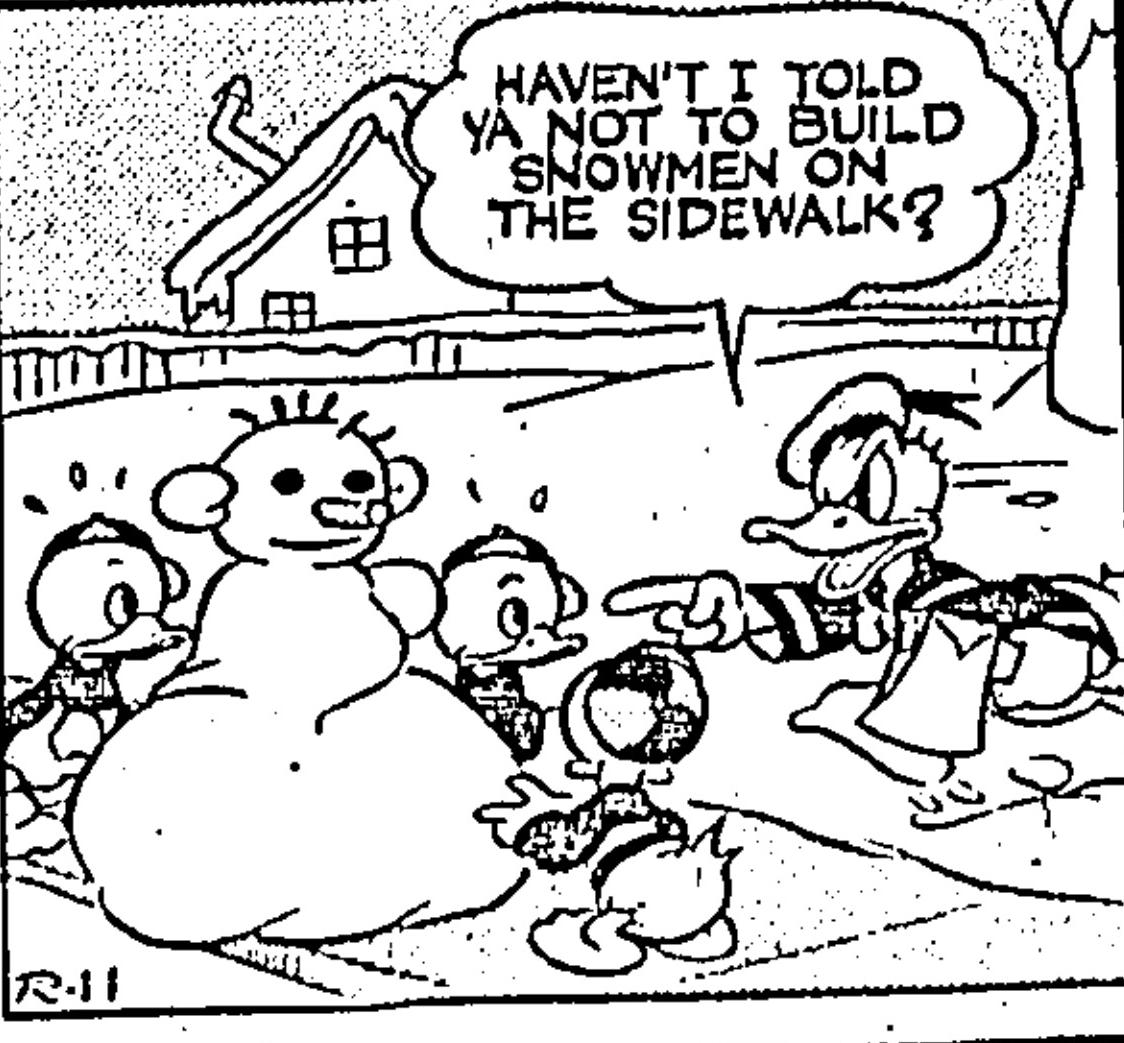
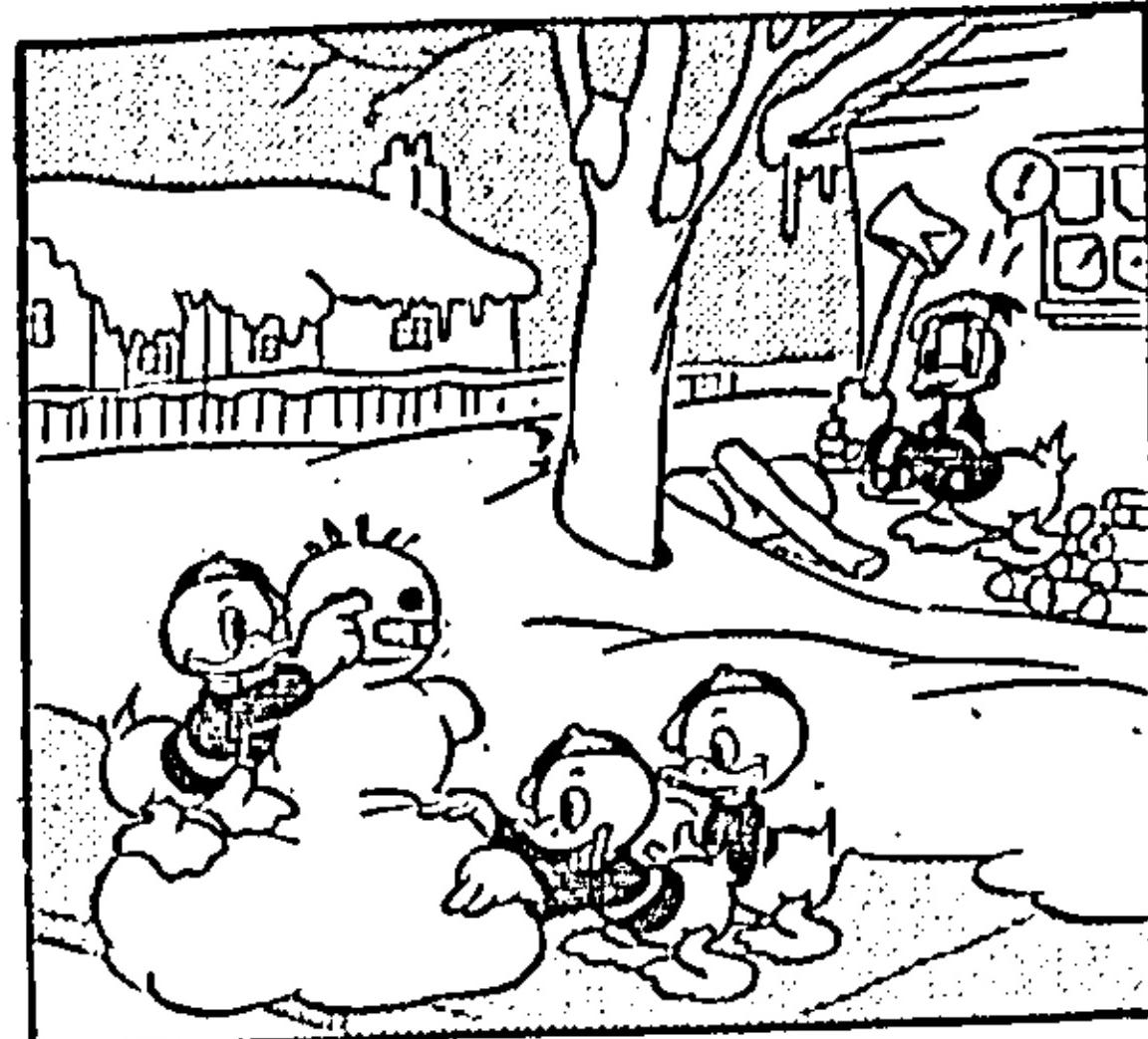
"Mining Lane" by C. J. Ritchie and Billingsgate... by T. S. Dove; Introduced by Alan Verney.

10.20 Tchaikowsky—Symphony No. 6 In B Minor, Op. 74 (The "Pathétique" Symphony).

Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitsky.

11.00 Close Down.

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Rise In Navy Estimates

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Walker-on-Tyne, and Messrs. Gammell Laird and Co., Limited, Birkenhead, Aircraft Carriers.

1938 PROGRAMME

The Ark Royal, constructed by Messrs. Gammell Laird and Co., Limited, was completed in November, 1938.

Construction of the Illustrious and Victorious, the works of Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited, at Barrow-in-Furness and Barrow-in-Furness, respectively, are progressing satisfactorily, and are due to be launched in April and September next, respectively.

1937 PROGRAMME

The Formidable and Indomitable, of the Illustrious class, under construction by Harland and Wolff, Limited, Belfast, and Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited, at Barrow-in-Furness, respectively, are progressing satisfactorily, and are due to be launched in the financial year 1939.

1936 PROGRAMME

A further three ships were ordered from Messrs. The Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Limited, on October 11, 1936.

Cruisers

1935 PROGRAMME

The Liverpool and Manchester, constructed by Messrs. The Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Limited, and Messrs. W. Haworth and Son, Limited, were delivered and accepted during the period April to December, 1935.

1934 PROGRAMME

The Liverpool and Manchester, constructed by Messrs. W. Haworth and Son, Limited, and Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited, at Barrow-in-Furness, respectively, and are due to be launched in the financial year 1935.

1933 PROGRAMME

The seven Tribal class destroyers, of the Liverpool and Manchester, built by Messrs. W. Haworth and Son, Limited, and Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited, at Barrow-in-Furness, respectively, and the Gloucester, built at Devonport Dockyard, have been completed.

1932 PROGRAMME

The Belfast, building by Messrs. Harland and Wolff, and the Edinburgh, building by Messrs. Swan Hunter and Wigham Richardson, Limited, on the Tyne, both vessels are expected to complete during the summer of 1933. Construction of the Dido class vessels, of the Liverpool and Manchester, built by Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited, at Barrow-in-Furness, respectively, and the Portsmouth Dockyard, is proceeding satisfactorily. The Dido was launched in February, 1933, and the remaining four vessels will be launched at intervals between now and November.

1931 PROGRAMME

The ships of the Fiji class have been laid down as follows:

Fiji—Building by Messrs. John Brown and Co., Limited, March 30, 1931.

Kenya—Building by Messrs. Alexander Stephen and Sons, Limited, June 10, 1931.

Mauritius—Building by Messrs. Swan Hunter and Wigham Richardson, Limited, March 31, 1931.

Nigeria—Building by Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited, February 5, 1931.

Trinidad—Building by H.M. Dockyard, Devonport, April 21, 1930.

Work is proceeding satisfactorily.

Work on the Bonaventure, Messrs. Scott's Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Limited, and the Hornbeam, Alexander Stephen and Sons, Limited, both of the Dido class, is progressing satisfactorily, and the vessels are expected to be launched during the coming financial year.

Submarines

1933 PROGRAMME

Sterlet, the last of the Swordfish class, was completed at Chatham Dockyard in April, 1931.

The submarine Cachalot, of the Porpoise class, was completed by Messrs. Scott's Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Limited, in August, 1931.

Triton, the first of a new class of patrol submarines, was delivered by Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited, in November, 1931.

1932 PROGRAMME

Orders for further three ships of the Dido class were placed in Messrs. Gammell Laird and Co., Limited, Birkenhead, Aircraft Carriers.

1931 PROGRAMME

The Ark Royal, constructed by Messrs. Gammell Laird and Co., Limited, was completed in November, 1930.

Construction of the Illustrious and Victorious, the works of Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited, at Barrow-in-Furness and Barrow-in-Furness, respectively, are progressing satisfactorily, and are due to be launched in April and September next, respectively.

1930 PROGRAMME

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1928 PROGRAMME

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1927 PROGRAMME

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1926 PROGRAMME

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1925 PROGRAMME

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1924 PROGRAMME

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1923 PROGRAMME

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1922 PROGRAMME

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1921 PROGRAMME

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1920 PROGRAMME

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1919 PROGRAMME

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1918 PROGRAMME

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1917 PROGRAMME

The Ark Royal, constructed by Messrs. Gammell Laird and Co., Limited, was completed in November, 1917.

Construction of the Illustrious and Victorious, the works of Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited, at Barrow-in-Furness and Barrow-in-Furness, respectively, are progressing satisfactorily, and are due to be launched in April and September next, respectively.

1916 PROGRAMME

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1915 PROGRAMME

The Ark Royal, constructed by Messrs. Gammell Laird and Co., Limited, was completed in November, 1915.

Construction of the Illustrious and Victorious, the works of Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited, at Barrow-in-Furness and Barrow-in-Furness, respectively, are progressing satisfactorily, and are due to be launched in April and September next, respectively.

1914 PROGRAMME

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1913 PROGRAMME

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1912 PROGRAMME

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1911 PROGRAMME

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1910 PROGRAMME

Orders for further three ships of the Dido class were placed in Messrs. Gammell Laird and Co., Limited, Birkenhead, Aircraft Carriers.

1909 PROGRAMME

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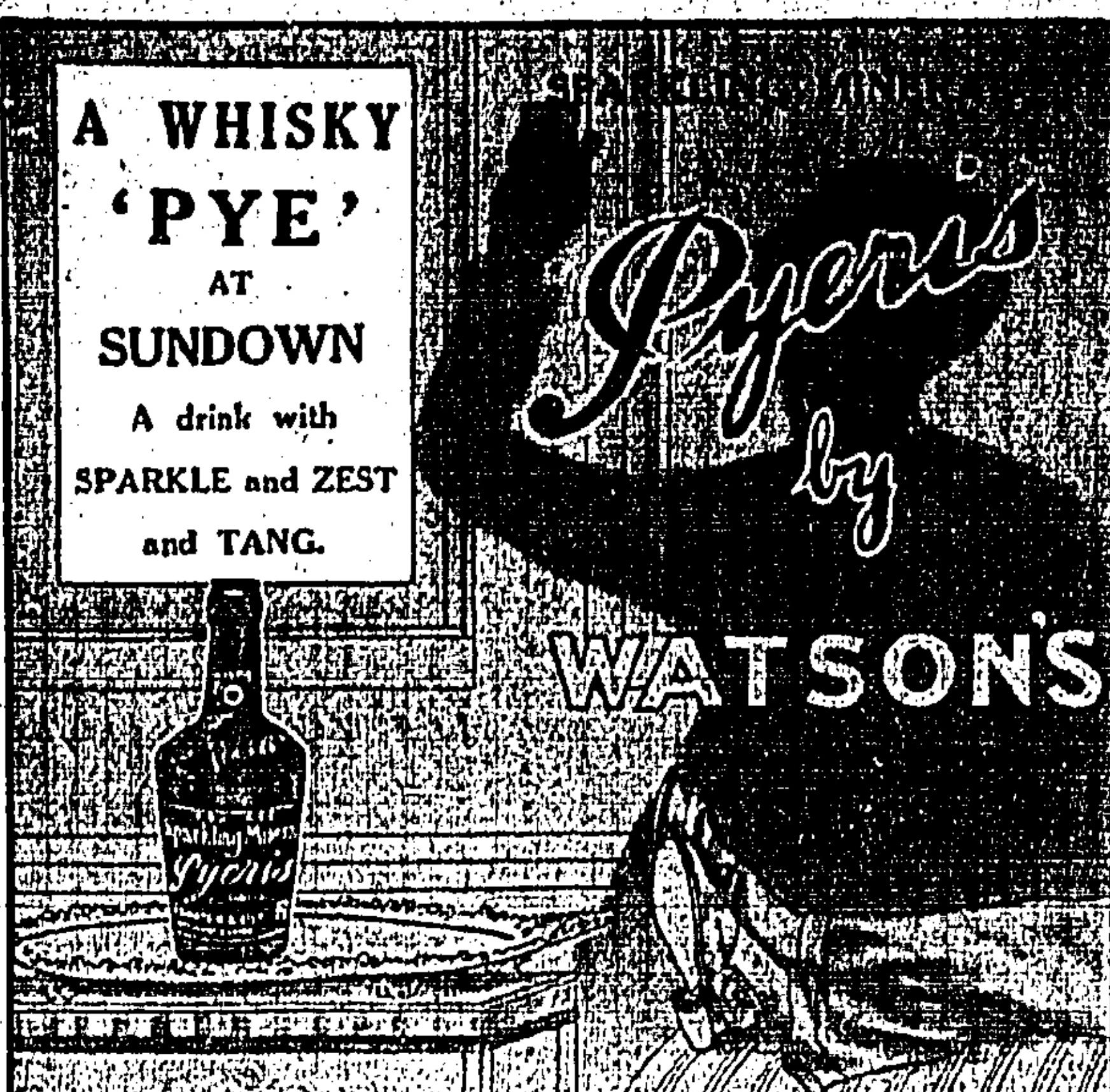
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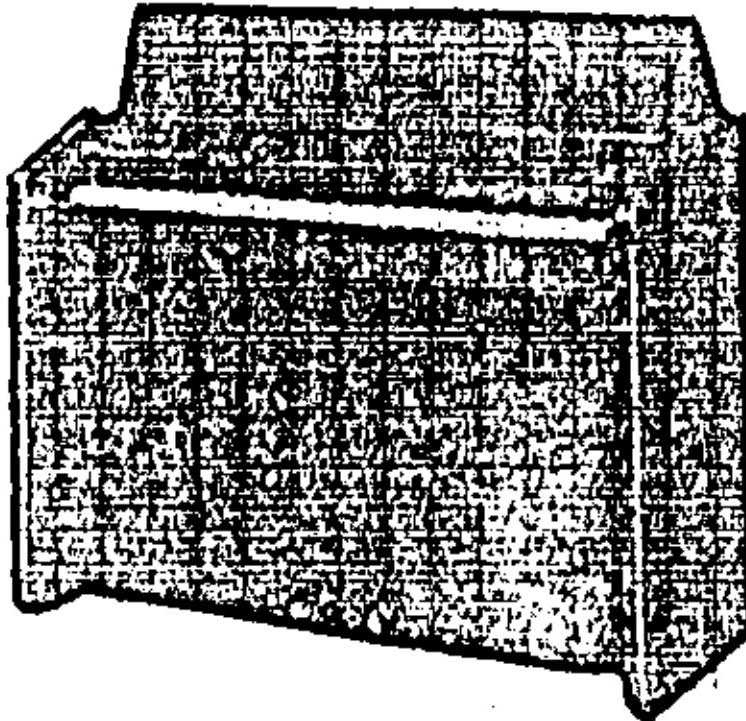
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Germany and Britain

THERE IS no danger of war between Britain and Germany. That peril does not exist for the good and sufficient reason that there is at present not one valid reason why they should fight.

The treatment of the unfortunate Jews in Germany shocks the English public. But it is recognised as an internal problem, like any other outbreak of crime. The rape of Czechoslovakia may at one time have been a reason for war, but it is past and is no more reason why Germany and Britain should fight than the rape of Abyssinia should now cause an Anglo-Italian conflict.

In any case, we cannot hammer humanity into the Germans with bombs and bullets, even if we have the right to do so.

Nor is there any trace of a real desire by Germany to pursue Britain. There is, of course, some rough language. But that, be it admitted, comes from both sides, for the British Press is not irreproachable.

These observations are made without any regard to the merits of the case. We believe there is plenty of justification for the vituperation that has been poured on Germany by the peoples and newspapers of peace-loving nations. But that fact does not mean that there is going to be war.

Recent outrages by Germany do not differ in severity, though they may differ in scale, from the offences for which Germany has become notorious in the past two years.

So what? We came nearest to war in September last year. But the world is so jittery that tension to-day is as great as it was six months ago.

Personal Impression

HOW THE news-reels open up the world and widen the range of human understanding!

Your neighbour says: "I know Mayor La Guardia of New York."

You answer, "So do I," although you have never seen the mayor in the flesh. It is the news-reel which has given a personal impression of the man which no amount of reading could have brought.

The news-reel gives the eye a vivid picture of what is happening in the world to-day and gives the mind an understanding of events that cannot be obtained from other sources.

There is the value of the news-reel. It enables the spectator to estimate the many angles in the news first received from the newspapers. And, of course, it is upon understanding that democracy is founded.

It is deplorable, therefore, that censorship should exist in Hongkong to the extent that those remarkable "March of Time" news-reels are so hacked and censored that many of their subjects are rendered unintelligible. Such an instance occurred last week.

'I asked Mussolini questions . . .'

First of a new series of articles in which questions are put to the Duce by an interpreter — and answered from Mussolini's "My Autobiography."

Q. You signed a Fascism has clearly outgrown." pact with Britain (p.211)

Q. to respect the Q. You have made your Fas- status quo in the Q. ciats hate France. Did Mediterranean. Will you yourself always hate France?

keep it to? A. "And now (in 1915) while Italy remained out of the war our first legions of volunteers were organised and went to France to fight... Again the red shirts, once distinguished as the saviours of Italy, now in the land of France testified to the indestructibility of Latinity.

"I said, then, as I always say, that treaties, whether bad or good, must be carried out. A respectable nation can have no other programme.

"But treaties are neither eternal nor irreparable. They are chapters of history, not epilogues of history." (p.204)

Q. What do you think of the Q. Why not a political deal with France?

A. "The intellectual life of the A. "Italians... naturally... especially, because of the organised character of its culture and its scholastic touch and flavour." (p.32)

Q. Your followers cry for French colonies to oppose France. What is your attitude to Italians in Nice, Why do you want France's foreign lands?

A. "To a nation like ours, A. "I have sent forth messages of brotherhood and faith to the Italians who live beyond our borders. I did not give them the name of immigrants, because in the past this word has had a humiliating meaning, and it seemed in some way to designate an inferior category of men and women. I have been able, I am glad to say, to protect my countrymen without hurting the susceptibilities of other peoples. This protection is founded on international law and good sense in all exchanges between nations." (p.210)

Q. Everybody, from Hitler onwards, says he wants peace. Do you?

A. "There are those, no doubt, who regard me, or have once regarded me, as an enemy to the peace of the world.

"To them there is nothing to say unless to recommend to them my biography for careful reading. The record of facts is worth more than the accusation of fools." (p.201)

Q. Why do you need more colonies? Why did you take Abyssinia?

A. "Colonial development would A. not have been for us merely a logical consequence of our population problem, but would have constituted a formula of solution for our economic situation.

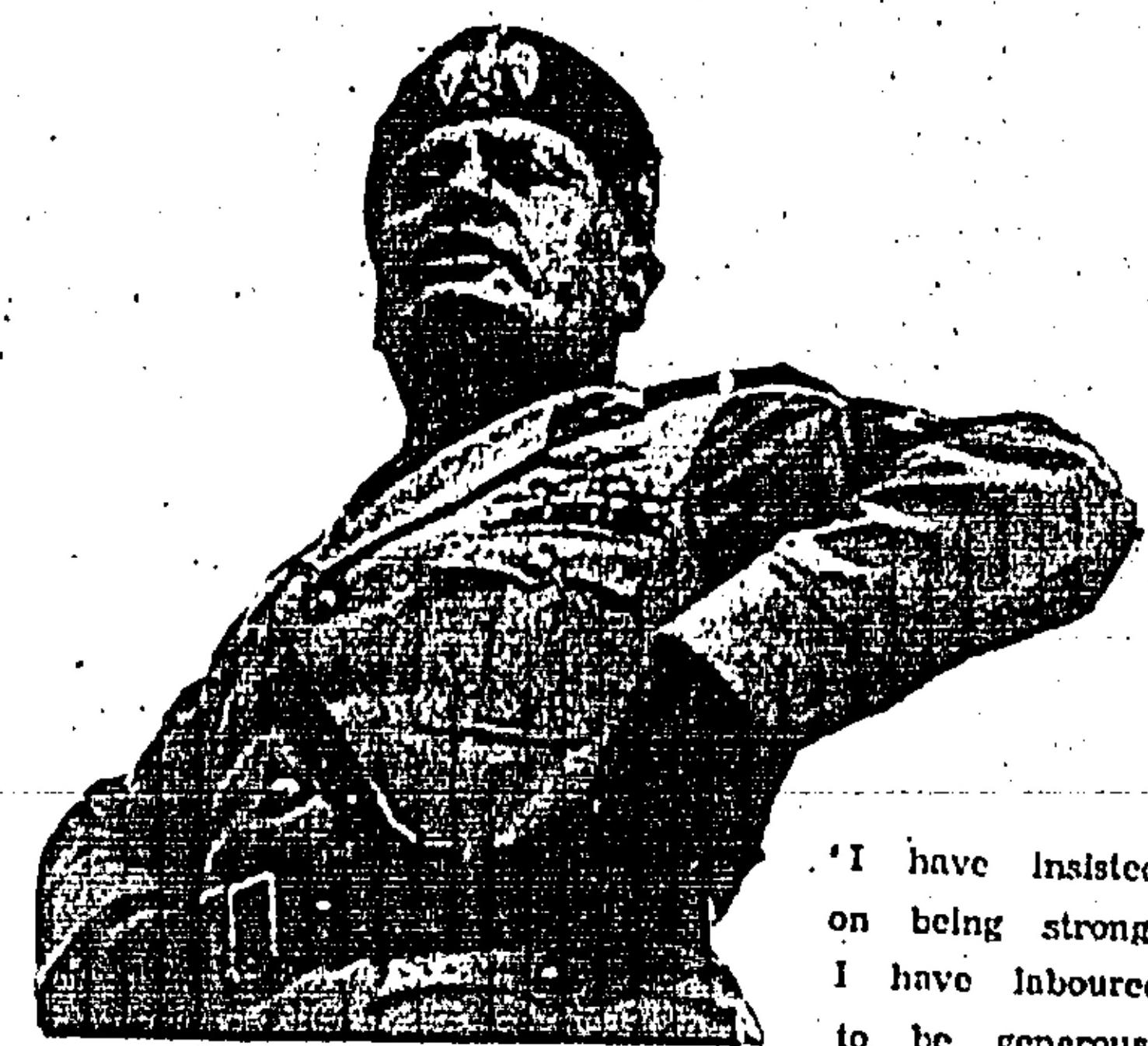
"Even now... this situation has to find its full solution. Our colonies are few, and not all open to extensive improvement. (This was before we took Abyssinia—author)." (p.212)

"Into these labours to rebuild Italy's peaceful position before the world, and to develop, as duty dictates, every colonial possibility which may help to solve our population problems, I have put my days and some of my sleepless nights." (p.213)

Q. Despite your peaceful pro-testations you did not forbid your Fascist followers to organise demonstrations before French consulates, demanding French colonies. What is your real opinion of such methods?

A. "It is never admissible, in fact, that diplomatic controversies can be twisted or troubled by angry popular demonstrations against embassies or consulates.

"Such disorders belong to an old democratic habit which



I have insisted on being strong. I have laboured to be generous.

ple, understandable... First, that we endeavour to make and mine is a policy of peace. It is keep peace by building and maintaining, brick by brick, stone by stone, and mere paper transitory, a structure of peace, action, but comes from an elevation on realities rather than a whole network of agreements and from on dreams and visionary plans. "I have insisted on being money between peoples." (p.211.) "We are idealists in the sense

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SHADOWS of the VALLEY

"HAS HE really got to go, Lovell?"

"Yes, Miss, 'e 'as; your Pa says 'e's not the 'orse for you, Missie, and 'e's about right, too. Can't take 'e's corn, 'e can't. Not but what 'e's a nice little 'orse, 'e is."

Firm friends, these two—the young girl, slim Jodhpored, the gnarled and bowed old groom. Many a comparatively innocent escapade had they concealed from the knowledge of the "Master".

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UPON THE barren ugliness of the Bowrington Canal and the stark and hideous melancholy of Morrison Hill the mist is lifting,

Beyond and away there seems to lie the long lost glories of the old hill, clothed in leafy verdure surrounding the lovely houses built before the reign of that despot King George V.

Again the vapour shifted, and again a vision. A pig-tailed little lady turns her gleaming, eager chestnut, from the cobble stone-yard and through the massive old timber gates into the fresh spring beauties of the glorious Middlesex lanes, almost devoid of traffic.

Old Lovell, crackling mounting follows on his fine, though ancient, black. Smartly they trot along the lanes, the chestnut, snuffing apprehensively the keen morning air, snatches at his bit. "ave a care, Missie, 'e's a mite fresh, 'like." They turn into the lime-lined, sun-checked ride, and canter out of ken.

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THE VALLEY is indeed in shadow; the sun, flouting the mist, cuts the spacious, horseshoe shape in twain. Seven a.m. the peak hour of the day.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichy



"A Class B picture—my mother-in-law!"

Ponies—black, brown, bay, "off-white" grey, and the persistent ugly dun of the wild ancestor. Saddled and rugged mostly, they clatter down from their green-tilled quarters on the hill.

Docile in appearance most of the Mongolians—even dejected—but this is largely a deception.

Here wild-eyed bay tries conclusions with his eye, and is discomfited.

A grey and a brown in single file plod along.

The leader takes what seems to be intelligent interest in the watching bystander; arrived alongside, in a flash he turns his quarters and lashes out.

Luckily the intended victim, knowing the propensities of the "corn-fed" Mongolian, has not been too trusting; his quickly sidesteps; which activity, together with a couple of jobs at the miscreant's mouth by his groom, his evil intent. That semblance of innocent interest had masked an equine mathematical calculation of distance—and an accurate one!

Fresh-faced young enthusiasts, booted and swathed, mount for the trial.

Two little beasts, chunky of head, bulk-necked but narrow-chested, cow-hocked and hairy-headed, are undersized and herring-gutted little grey, of such pathetic proportions that it seems a darling foal on the part of the broad-shouldered, long-legged young six-footer to mount, much less to gallop.

Viewed full front, the rider's chest extends well beyond that of the pony, the whole effect strongly reminiscent of tourist and Egyptian donkey.

No symmetry of proportion, no semblance of "oneness" between horse and rider. But the purpose of the morning is a more prosaic one than to please the critical eye of the beholder.

After the customary squealing, backbiting and twisting, the six are off and away, pelting round the cinder track. A test of lungs, equine or human. And, malformed as he usually is, the Mongolian can, if he feels inclined, move.

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NOW COME the Australians, mostly weedy and tucked-up animals, but one or two splendid creatures.

The full, intelligent eye, the fine coat, the springing postur, the clean fetlock, the lean head, the sparsely-haired tail—all eloquent of race.

Bright bay she is, her sloping shoulder gleams as gold. 14.2 she stands, splendidly built.

She turns a kind and docile eye upon her pink-faced waiting owner; he stops her shining neck, and noses round his well-knit form. Pal's evidently! He mounts with ease.

No fidgeting, turning, backbiting or fretful winching. Both in eager and willing anticipation of whatever the day may bring.

The gallops ended, steeds, heavily breathing, with out-stretched necks enjoy relief of freedom from the pressing bit. Riders dismount, and these too are perhaps a trifle blown, but radiantly cheerful.

I leave them to their respective rubs-down, baths, corn, eggs-and-bacon, oatmeal-water and coffee, and make my way to my own.

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ALL MAGIC has now disappeared from the rock hill. Glaring light on barren rock; arid dust. Wanchai reeks—and breakfast waits.

DOMINIONS MAY TAKE OVER OWN DEFENCE SERVICE

LONDON, Mar. 27. THE FORMIDABLE growth of German dominance in Europe lends heightened importance to the April 14 Defence Conference to be held at Wellington, the New Zealand capital.

Faced with Britain's preoccupation in Europe, both the antipodean Dominions must now reckon more than ever with the imperative necessity of making their own defences self-reliant.

The United Kingdom's delegates to Wellington will undoubtedly explore means of assuring the maximum dominion contribution to the security of the British Isles.

Whereas the Dominions would be able largely to trust to their own home sources for food in wartime, Britain herself would be obliged to import 50,000 tons of foodstuffs daily for 365 days a year.

EMPIRE SECURITY

Britain feels, moreover, that the Dominions owe an important contribution to the safety of the Motherland which provides the Navy for the Empire's security as well as the Imperial Airlines postal and other services at the cost of the British taxpayer.

Canada is regarded as being safe; South Africa is considered capable of repelling any serious raids from Germany or Italy while India is deemed to be out of reach of mass attack from the axis powers.

Australia and New Zealand, although remote from Japan, are nevertheless admitted to be more exposed to bombardment and invasion owing to their long coastlines and isolated positions.—United Press.

'I ASKED MUSSOLINI QUESTIONS...'

(Continued from Page 6.)

Q. Suppose you come to blows with France. Have you the resources and raw materials in Italy to wage a war?

A. "We have no great natural resources." (p.216.)

"A country like ours, which has no rich resources in the earth, which has a half of its area represented by mountains, cannot have great economic possibilities." (p.224.)

Q. Are we right to think that your bellicose statements are sometimes bluff, then, and that your actions will, in a real pinch, be governed by economic considerations?

A. "Before me always in my foreign policy is the economic aspect of international problems."

"It amuses me to be called an anti-pacifist in light of our record of treaty making for peace and for smooth international dealing." (p.206.)

"I consider the corner-stone of all governmental policies is a wise and strong financial policy." (p.216.)

Q. What is your own opinion of war?

A. "War—that female of dreads and fascinations." (p.228.)

"I write of the great war from two points of view—the politics of the world and the reality of the trenches, where I have been and have learned the torture of pain." (p.34.)

"What we suffered the first months—cold, rain, mud, hunger! They did not succeed in dampening in the slightest degree my enthusiasm and my conviction as to the necessity and the inevitability of war." (p.46.)

"I had been the most tenacious believer in the war. I had fought with all my warm soul of Italian and soldier. I lived the joy of victory.... Until the time when a nation has the right of sitting with proud head among other nations the surest sign of its strength, the highest title of its nobility, the vital food needed to reach greatness will always be given by those who have shed their blood, and laid down their lives for their immortal country."

"These are the marks that the war made upon one's body, one's

£10-a-head in Australia

SYDNEY, Mar. 27.

AUSTRALIA is to spend £63,000,000—equal to nearly £10 per inhabitant—by the year 1940-41 on strengthening her defences.

The Australian Navy vote is up from £16,932,000 to £20,348,000; the Army vote from £11,912,000 to £19,704,000; and the Air Force bill from £12,612,000 to £16,444,000.

The Australian Air Force has placed orders for bombers in Britain and the United States, and will soon total 212 warplanes. Its personnel will increase by 800 men a year for the next three years.

The standing army has been doubled—from 10,000 men to 20,000. In addition, a campaign, recently launched by Mr. Lyons, Federal Premier, to recruit a militia of 80,000 men, is expected to be completed in a few days.

Enough Bovril For Any Emergency

Chairman's Revelation At Annual Meeting

Presiding at the Forty-second Annual General Meeting of Bovril Ltd., held in London, recently, the Lord Duke, K.B.E. (Chairman), after dealing with the Company's Accounts said he was on the high seas this way from America during the crisis last September, and on his arrival home in October he noticed in the papers a photograph of a collection of various packets of food products that had been collected for sale for charity. They were termed "hoarded goods," and there seemed to be a bottle of Bovril than any other product in the photograph. This was not surprising, what was very surprising was that it should be considered hoarding for the housekeeper to purchase an extra stock of Bovril, unless she had done so in a hurry at the last minute.

The kind of hoarding which was objectionable was obviously that last-minute rush, when a crisis arrived, to buy up and hoard away a large stock. On the other hand, to buy a reasonable stock of Bovril before a crisis arrived seemed a proper thing to do. Those who purchased Bovril for a period ahead were actually leaving more chance in a crisis for those who had not got stocks to get what was available in the shops.

BOVRIL FOR EMERGENCIES

In September last year, Bovril Ltd. and its associates had in England about two years' normal sales supply. At a time of crisis, however, it was obviously more difficult to cope with last-minute demands. Those, therefore, who were wise would see to it that they obtained extra supplies before a time of crisis and that they maintained these extra supplies in their store cupboards. Actually today the Company's supplies were even larger than they were in September last year and the Company was therefore capable of providing extra supplies, without dislocating normal distribution, for all those wise people who wished to have stocks of Bovril in store.

The Company would endeavour to see to it that the supplies of Bovril for ordinary everyday use as a beverage, for cooking, and for use in illness or convalescence, were sufficient, and they would actually be helped in this if people who could afford to lay in supplies laid them in and maintained them as a matter of course, without waiting for an emergency to arise.

INCREASED BOVRIL EXPORTS

In spite of the disturbed conditions of the world's trade, the Bovril export trade showed an increase over the previous year.

The Duke of Atholl (Vice-Chairman), said: The world was in a terrible state, morally, financially, and commercially, but the Company's products had won right through at every point during these difficult times because it was a genuine article, it was easy to handle, it kept well, and incidentally, he supposed, it was about the greatest comfort in times of adversity. It was very gratifying to know that their product was well received all over the world.

Centenary Postage Stamps For U.K.

London, Mar. 27.

On the occasion of the centenary of the introduction of postage stamps into Britain in 1940, the Post Office will issue four commemorative stamps of ½d, 1d, 1½d, and 2½d denominations.

Designs have been invited from 30 artists, and bodies representing the art industry will be asked to advise in connection with the judging of the designs.—Reuter Special.

mind, and one's soul.

"Above all, it gave to one who was still young an understanding of the essence of mankind." (p.66.)

From Benito Mussolini's "My Autobiography," published by Hutchinson in 1928.

TRADE WAR IN EUROPE

Rumania Informs Britain Of Pact

LONDON, Mar. 27. IN A STATEMENT in the House of Commons on the German-Rumanian trade agreement, the Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said that the Rumanian Government had informed His Majesty's Government that the agreement contained no political clause, and that Rumania had not signed away her economic independence.

At the end of his statement, Mr. Chamberlain said that extension of Anglo-Rumanian trade, and the promotion of better relations between the two countries was a matter to which His Majesty's Government attached the greatest importance.

BRITISH MISSION GOING

In this connection, the Premier mentioned the recent decision to despatch a British Commercial Mission.

The Rumanian Government is still anxious that the mission shall proceed, and of course, that is our intention," declared the Premier.

Rumania's agreement with Germany was in the nature of a comprehensive programme, Mr. Chamberlain continued, and its precise effect in practice would depend on the manner in which its provisions were carried out.

They must await developments before coming to any definite conclusion.

It appeared that Germany would co-operate in the development of existing Rumanian industries, and in the setting up of new ones particularly in the field of agriculture, forestry and mining.—Reuter.

NO RETRIBUTION

London, Mar. 27. Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, answered in the affirmative when asked for an assurance that a review of the position necessitated by the recent changes in the international situation did not involve any retaliatory economic measures against Germany.

Butler added that he would give consideration to the suggestion that he might be included in the German broadcast from his country in view of the propaganda being made inside Germany to the effect that Britain was endeavouring to secure the economic strangulation of Germany.

Replies to another question, Mr. Butler stated that His Majesty's Government had made no protest respecting Memel.

Asked whether, in view of the deterioration of the international situation, steps should be taken forthwith to enlarge the British army, Sir Victor Warrender said that the requirements in the present situation were under consideration.

Mr. Chamberlain gave similar reply when asked what alterations were contemplated in defence arrangements.—Reuter.

RUMANIA'S ACTION DEFENDED

BUCHAREST, Mar. 27. A defence of Rumania's action in the recent crisis was made by M. Culicescu, the Rumanian Premier, in addressing the Supreme Council of the National Front to-day.

He said that Rumania was determined to defend her territory, and in the recent trade talks with Germany, the question of her independence was not raised, or she would have broken off negotiations.

Last autumn, Rumania was approached and invited to invade Ruthenia, but she refused.

When mobilisation was ordered recently, Rumania notified the Powers that she had decided to defend her territory, and had called several classes to the colours.

M. Gafencu, who followed, said that Rumania's relations with Poland and the Balkan Entente allies had recently been strengthened. He particularly mentioned the assurances received from Turkey during the recent crisis, and added that Rumania had been surprised by Count Csaky's speech of March 23.

He said that Rumania was not frightened by Csaky, and did not intend to follow his type of argument.—Reuter.

Anglo-Russian Trade Parleys

MOSCOW, Mar. 27.

A communiqué issued after Mr. S. Hudson's talks with Soviet officials, states that the foundation laid for trade negotiations will be continued in London.

Views were exchanged on the international situation, and personal contact has been established for co-operation in international affairs.—Reuter.

TOKYO CAMPAIGN AGAINST BRITISH

SHANGHAI, Mar. 27.

THE JAPANESE-CONTROLLED Chinese language newspapers are waging a violent anti-British campaign, such slogans as "Destroy the British Flag," "Boycott British Goods," "Confiscate British Property," and "Drive Out All Britons" being splashed in heavy type on the front pages.

An American missionary from Nanking states that the Japanese-controlled newspapers there are appealing to the employees of British, including the Consulates, to leave their posts.—Reuter.

ATTEMPT TO END

CHUNGKING, Mar. 27.

The "New China Daily," the Communist organ here, editorially reviews the latest anti-British move which is being carried out by the Japanese in the occupied zones in China.

It says the move includes the retrocession of the International Settlement Shanghai and the Kowloon leased territory, the return of Hongkong to China, the boycott of British shipping and the abolition of all British interests and privileges in China.

The immediate goal of the Japanese anti-British movement is the destruction of Sino-British friendship, thus cutting British assistance to China.

The eventual objective, the editorial says, will be a Japanese movement to wrest British rights and interests in the Far East into Japanese hands.

TIE-UP WITH EUROPE

Primarily, it adds, the movement has nothing to do with the Chinese masses, though the Japanese have encouraged the puppets in Peking and Nanking to lead anti-British campaigns.

The "New China Daily" said the Japanese movement is also reflecting the anti-Democratic war cries in Europe, trying to support the Berlin-Rome Axis.

After the occupation of Hainan Island and the bombing of the border villages of Kowloon, the Japanese are proceeding with the campaign for the return of the British concessions to China.

The paper asserts that the killing of the British missionary at Pingkang, the bombing of the British mission at Chengchow and the kidnapping of Mr. Dwyer in Tientsin are all Japanese plots in accordance with the Japanese slogan "Punishment of British".

Now it is time, the paper concludes, for British authorities to replace their ink and paper protests with actual action against Japan.—United Press.

"CRUSH HONGKONG"

"Japan should have crushed Hongkong with the mailed fist."

This was the theme of a speech made to the Japanese community in Shanghai by a visiting politician from Tokio—Seiko Nakano, head of the Tohoku party of right-wing Agrarians in the Japanese Diet.

Nakano vehemently advocated the use of force by Japan to prevent British ships supplying arms and munitions to China, and then, referring to crushing Hongkong, he said:

"The object of the Japanese campaign in China is not only China, but also Britain and America, who are Japan's real enemies."

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Watsons \$.....9.10 n.
Lane Crawford \$.....8 n.
Sincere \$.....1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$.....42 b.
Powell, Ltd., etc. \$.....9 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo S. \$.....20.20 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. \$.....10 n.
Zoong Sing, Sh. \$.....30 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. \$.....40 n.

MISCELLANEOUS

H.K. Entertainment \$.....0.64 b.
Constructions \$.....1.54 n.
Vibro Piling \$.....0.30 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925.

G.S. Bonds \$.....67% n.

H.K. Govt. 4% Loin \$/.....47% prn. n.

H.K. Govt. Loan 3% 2% ...par. b.

Marsmans (Lond.) \$/.....14/4% n.

Marsmans (H.K.) \$/.....0.5/- n.

SHANGHAI, Mar. 27.

It has been officially announced that the Soviet Ambassador to Chungking, who was one of the passengers aboard the C.N.A.C. plane which made an sudden flight to Hongkong and which arrived on Saturday, went to Moscow on short leave. The Soviet Ambassador will

RUMJAHN COUSINS ENTER SEMI-FINAL OF DOUBLES COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP RESUMES WITH FOUR GOOD TIES

(By "Abe")

Held up for several days by rain last week, the Colony Tennis Championships resumed on the Hongkong C.C. courts yesterday with a programme of singles and doubles matches. The stand court was utilised for the first time in the current tournament, the match chosen for the opening being the quarter-final doubles tie between the Rumjahn cousins and two club-mates, I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu.

All four players being from the Indian R.C., the match naturally lost a bit of its interest. Nevertheless some good play was seen, with each pair showing in turn. While sustained rallies were few and far between, there were some snappy volleying duels, which were the chief feature of the match. Hard hitting also made the match entertaining to watch.

The cousins, as expected, won but not before their opponents had given a fairly good account of themselves. Had they not made as many mistakes as they did, Razack and Minu would have put up a much better fight; but a great weakness of theirs was to win a splendid rally only to lose the next point by a lamentable mistake.

Though they scored winners on many occasions with crisp volleys, the Rumjahns were not as reliable off the ground as usual; yet their game was sound enough to enable them to win by 6-4, 7-5.

In each set, the winners led by 5-2.

OTHER MATCHES

In the other doubles match of the day, E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson played well enough to take the first set from Lm. Thiam-let and Stephen Wong, but thereafter they were outclassed by the better-balanced Chinese pair, who conceded only four games in the next two sets.

What was expected to be the best singles encounter of the day, between Ho Ka-lau and W. C. Hung, was not played, the latter conceding a walk-over from W. C. Hung.

Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of matches played yesterday:

Open Singles

A. Crawford beat Peter U 6-0, 6-4.

J. M. Tomlinson beat Lam Kwan 6-3, 7-5.

Ho Ka-lau received a walk-over from W. C. Hung.

Open Doubles

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu 6-4, 7-5.

Lim Thiam-let and Stephen Wong beat E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson 5-7, 6-2, 6-2.

Tsui brothers, holders of the title, and Omar Rumjahn and S. A. Hussain. The Tsuis should win fairly comfortably, but will probably have to play good tennis to do so.

The following is the programme:

Open Doubles—Tsui Wal-pui and Tsui Yun-pui v. O. Rumjahn and S. A. Hussain (stand court); Major F. C. Nottingham and Capt. R. B. Lecky v. Lt. D. C. Misra and Lt. S. M. Afzal.

Handicap Singles—H. J. Armstrong v. R. M. King; H. D. Bidwell v. A. K. Mackenzie.

Handicap Doubles—F. H. Stokes and M. M. Davies v. R. K. Valentine and L. M. S. Lloyd.

Mixed Doubles—Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Walkden v. H. J. Scull and Miss G. Scull; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bowen v. T. C. Monaghan and Miss J. Greig.

The stand court attraction to-day is the doubles match between the



I. M. A. Razack (left) and A. R. Minu provided the opposition for the Rumjahn cousins yesterday in the quarterfinals of the Colony Tennis doubles championship. The match, which opened the stand court at the Hongkong Cricket Club, was won by the cousins in straight sets.—Staff Photographer.

Here And There With "Abe"

Chinese Soccerites Have Good Week-End

THE week-end was a triumph for Chinese footballers in Hongkong. On Saturday, South China "A" defeated Kowloon, by three goals to nil in the First Division of the League, and with the two points gained, have overtaken the Royal Navy, who have had the lead for so many months. Thus the South China "A" need only a draw in their last match with the sailors to win the League Championship, which was carried off by the "B" team last year. On top of the South China success, the Chinese won the Lal Wah Cup on Sunday, beating the Civilians by four goals to two. This trophy is only the first of the many which I think the Chinese will carry off this year. The South China "A" have now a really great opportunity of winning the League but the Shield as well, their opponents in the final being the Police, who surprisingly defeated them in the League a fortnight ago. Then there is the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup, in which the Chinese will play the Portuguese players who will feel offended if one were to say that the Chinese are expected to win. The Kotewall Cup too may go to the Chinese, who on present form seem an immeasurably better team than either the Navy or the Army.

Head Of Schedule

NOT due to arrive here until Friday, the Straits Chinese football tourists, who have been paying a visit to Manila, took most people by surprise yesterday by arriving in Hongkong by the Boeing Clipper. The reason for their sudden departure from Manila was that the China Clipper, by which they had booked to travel from Manila to Hongkong, had been delayed, and instead of leaving Manila on March 31, she was not due to leave until April 2. The arrangements made with the South China "A" were that the Straits team would play matches in Hongkong on April 1, 2 and 5, and thus if the visitors waited for the China Clipper, they would have to miss two matches here. Rather than do that, they have to be back in Singapore on April 13 at the latest and so cannot remain in Hongkong later than April 6 or 7—they decided to cancel two matches in Manila. The decision to catch the Boeing Clipper, which left Manila yesterday morning, was a last-minute one. The Straits team played a match on Sunday night and arrangements for their departure were completed after the game. Mr. John Tien, player-manager-coach of the visiting side, told me yesterday that his boys were very keen to play in Hongkong, and did not like to miss coming here. They play good soccer, these Straits lads, and should be popular with local enthusiasts. Their record of four wins and one defeat against the best teams of Manila is perhaps sufficient testimony of their quality.

F.A. Cup Final

SO Wolves and Portsmouth are to meet at Wembley for the F.A. Cup final. The Wolves won handily against Grimsby on Saturday by five goals to nil, but Portsmouth only just got through by the odd goal in three in their tie with Huddersfield. The meeting of the two teams at Wembley had been expected immediately after the semi-final draw had been announced; and so it has turned out. The final may be described as the "glad final," as Portsmouth have recently followed the example of Wolverhampton and gone in for gland treatment for their players. The Portsmouth lads must be convinced now that there is something in a treatment which once aroused the ridicule of the

Bowls In Shanghai

LAWN Bowls League competition in Shanghai during the coming season is almost certain to revert to the time-honoured basis of two divisions with teams comprising three rinks each. Owing to the unusual circumstances that prevailed last year, it was found necessary to conduct only one division while teams consisted of four rinks each. The feeling is now prevalent in most clubs, however, and especially among those whose playing material is limited, that three rinks would be a more practical form of competition. Clubs, whose numerical superiority permits them to employ additional rinks, will be entitled to enter more than one team in each division. No decision has yet been made, but judging from the sentiments echoed at the annual general meeting of the Shanghai L.B.A., held last week, the old basis of two divisions with teams of three rinks each will be adopted.

Sports Magazine

THE second issue of Sportsman, the new weekly sporting magazine, made its appearance over the weekend. Well-printed on good paper, the new number contains articles on tennis, football, cricket, golf, and boxing and other material of interest to all sportsmen. The magazine is sold for ten cents a copy.

Drawn Match In Rugby League

London, Mar. 27. In the Rugby League, Wakefield Trinity and Featherstone played a drawn game to-day, neither side scoring.—Reuter.

Coach May Travel With British Track Team To America

(By R. Mallard Stead)

London.

When a squad of ten British track athletes visits New York in mid-July, it may differ from all previous such parties by having with it a paid coach. For prominent officials of the English Amateur Athletic Association are urging in the council-chamber that Britain should depart from her customary method of team preparation and should fall into line with other countries by engaging the services of an expert trainer, charged with the duties of putting final touches to the selected athletes' training and advising them as they go into competition. Official decision on the subject is not expected for several weeks.

To-night's Badminton Programme

A good badminton programme has been arranged for to-night at Talook in the Colony Championships.

The programme will commence at 8 p.m. with the Men's Junior Singles semi-final match between D. Kwok and P. Lo, to be followed at 8.30 with the Mixed Doubles semi-final between P. K. Hui and Miss Ulan Kho. The holders, and K. L. Yong and Miss W. Cheung. At 9 p.m. the other Mixed Doubles semi-final tie, between C. Au and Miss A. C. Remedios, and M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva will be played.

The men's doubles semi-final between P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim, of the University, and C. Au and F. Koh, of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., originally arranged for to-morrow at the Club de Recreio, has been postponed to Wednesday, April 5, on the same court. Lim is indisposed.

NATIONAL WINNER WELCOMED

Dublin, Mar. 27. A great welcome was extended to the horse Workman, which won the Grand National, when it arrived to-day in Dublin.

Hundreds of dockers cheered as the horse left the ship, and a band accompanied Workman as it proceeded through the streets of Dublin to entrain for County Kildare.

Upon arrival at Kildare, where business was suspended for the day, two bands and thousands of the inhabitants accompanied the horse to its training quarters.—Reuter.

athletics have become very much more popular as a spectacle than formerly. And nowadays a big meeting always means a big crowd.

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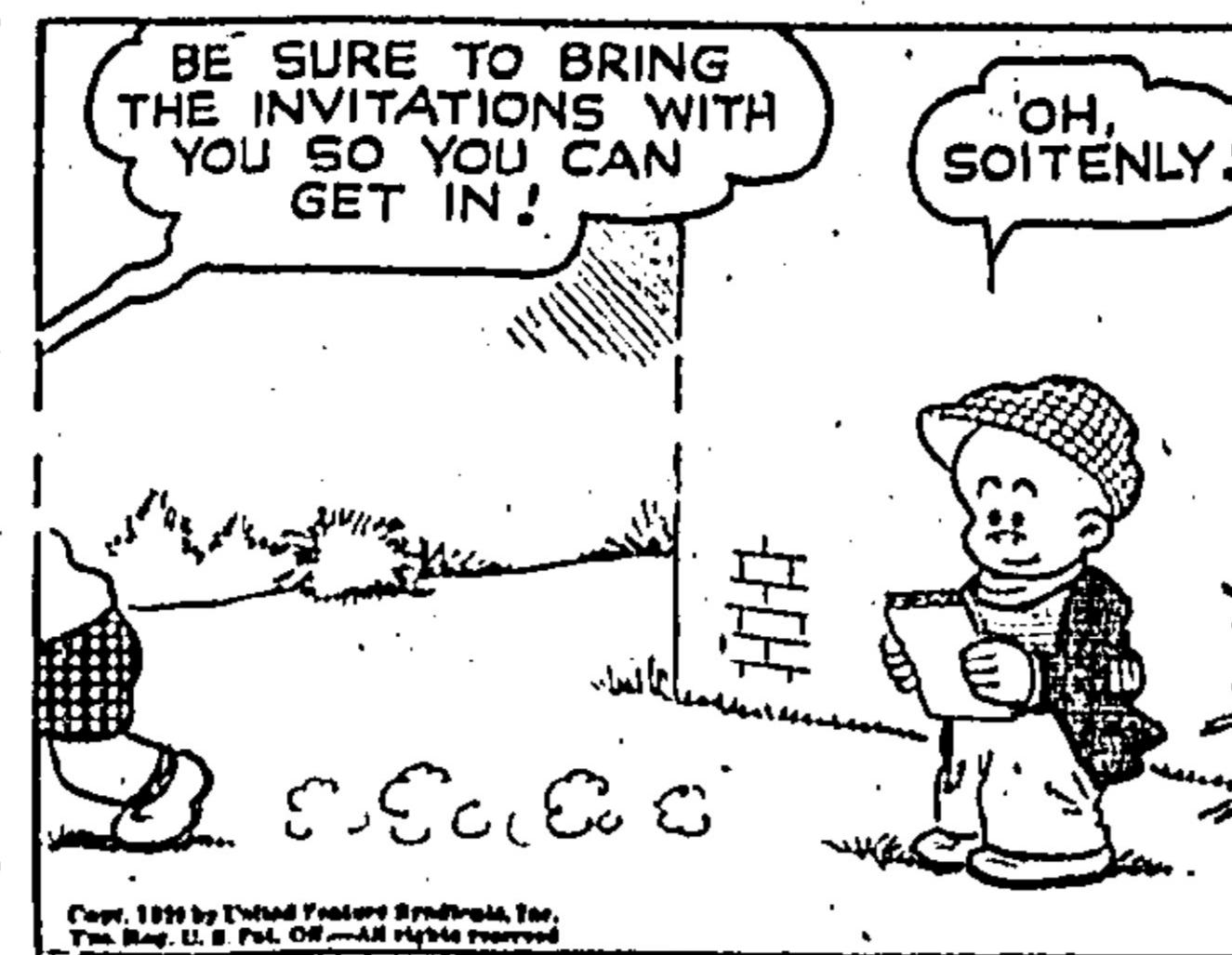
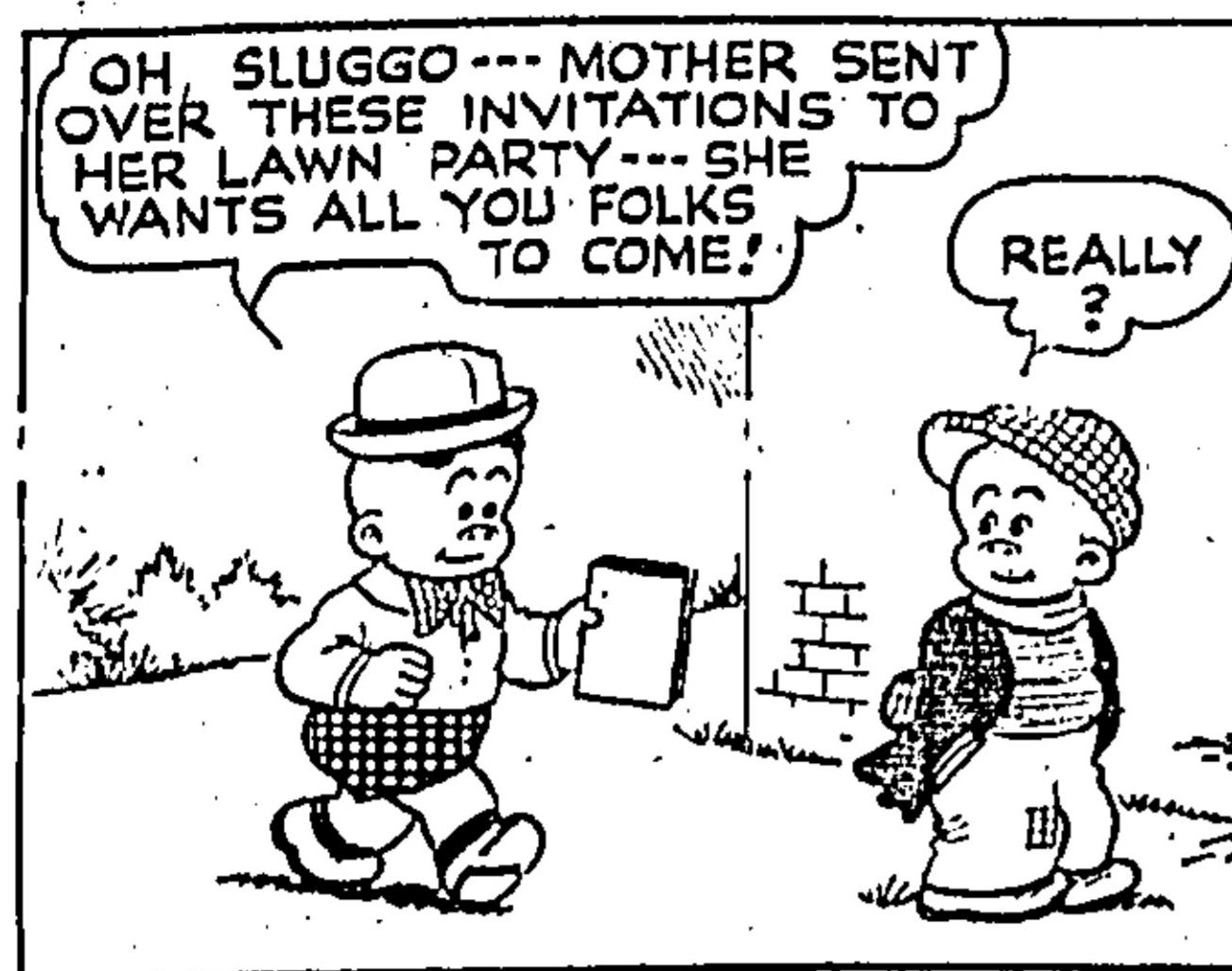
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By Ernie Bushmiller



Sunday's Shoot Given Bisley Atmosphere

Attendance Better Than Anticipated: Two New Members

The attendance at the shoot on Sunday morning was far better than anticipated, there being about 122 members out for the team's shoot, and pool ball shoots.

With a view to the forthcoming prize meeting, the programme was arranged to include one or two minor Bisley Rules, giving those members not familiar with Bisley conditions, a slight Bisley atmosphere. The sudden firing points were the cause of many bad shots, and many promising scores were ruined by a disastrous wind at 600 yards.

The team shoot was won by the Stonecutters Naval Range Staff by a short lead from the Middlesex Regiment "A" team.

The troopship Lancashire has brought two new members in Lieuts Otway and Russell of the Royal Engineers who started well—the former scoring a pool ball and the latter, who is a winner of the Sunday Times Public Schoolboys' Prize, scored 83 with S.R. (a) Rite. The Troopship is taking away one of the most popular members, Marine Heather, who after he had presented the prizes yesterday voiced his regret at having to leave the Colony though he was not going to make a clean out from the H.K.R.A. as he was hoping to represent the Home Branch at Bisley this year.

L/Cpl. Brighty, S.R. (a), with two scores of 33 failed at 600 yards, scoring only 17 thus spelling what might have been a really good S.R. (a) score.

Lending scores of the Sunday Shoot were as follows:

S.R. (b)	200	500	600	940
Sgt. G. Roberts (3)	29	33	33	94
Lt. A. J. Le Seelour (Scri.)	31	32	30	93
Sgt. P. Hale (Scri.)	32	33	29	94
Sub. Lt. D. J. B. Morahan (Scri.)	31	31	31	93
2/Lt. C. G. Dawson (Scri.)	32	32	30	93
P.O. G. Clark (Scri.)	32	32	29	93
Sgt/Lt. J. B. Mackie (Scri.)	32	32	29	93
Sgt. V. Cooper (Scri.)	32	32	29	93
Sgt. K. C. Wong (Scri.)	31	32	32	92

Team Shoot Results:

The result of the Team Shoot:

Grand Total:

R.N. Reg. Staff ... 200 500 600 Total

Mid. "A" ... 192.63 183.63 190.14 566.45

R.E. "B" ... 180.84 195.78 183.05 562.62

Police "C" ... 183.50 182.64 185.08 552.22

Capt. P. C. Calvert (2) ... 183.29 183.42 178.40 547.11

No. "D" ... 180.97 182.04 180.67 529.68

The following were the leading scores of the Spoon Shoot held at Stonecutters last week-end:

S.R. (b)

Sgt. F. P. Sequela (Scri.) ... 200 500 600 Total

Sgt. P. J. C. Swan (Scri.) ... 31 32 31 94

Mme. G. Heathen (Scri.) ... 32 32 33 97

Sgt. R. H. M. Hartshorn (Scri.) ... 31 32 30 93

L/Cpl. A. Hibbert (6) ... 31 32 30 93

L/Sgt. W. Nunn (3) ... 31 32 30 93

Capt. A. G. Mackenzie (Kennedy (1)) ... 32 32 32 92

Sgt. G. Hall (Scri.) ... 32 32 32 92

L/Cpl. V. M. Hammond (3) ... 30 29 32 91

Cpl. H. W. Morris (4) ... 31 29 27 84

Sgt. G. W. Steed (6) ... 31 29 27 84

(S) denotes winner of the "Highest Handicap" Spoon.

(P) denotes winner of the "Possible" Button.

N.B. winner of (N) or (H) spoon has his handicap reduced by one point.

England Team To Play Scotland

ADDITIONAL EVENTS ARE DECIDED

La Salle College Athletic Meet

Additional events in connection with the La Salle College annual athletic meeting were run off yesterday. The following were the results:

200 Metres (Midget)—1. A. Ruyters; 2. Wong Kong-yuet; 3. E. Tavares.

Inter-Class Relay (Senior)—1. Commercial; 2. 2B; 3. 2A.

Inter-Class Relay (Junior)—1. 2A; 2. Matrice; 3. 3A.

Inter-Class Relay (Midget). 1. 5A; 2. 6A; 3. 4B.

Boards Race (Senior)—1. A. Gottschic; 2. A. Tan; 3. A. Oliveira.

Boards Race (Midget Handicap)—1. A. Ruyters; 2. J. Matrice; 3. L. Chua.

Cubs' Race—1. L. Matute; 2. E. Sanz.

1,500 Metres (Challenge Cup presented by the Wing On Co.)—1. A. Sequela; 2. P. Jorge; 3. L. Silva.

Time—5 mins. 18 2/3 sec. (Record).

Tug of War (Inter-Class Junior)—Won by 3A.

Tug of War (Inter-Class Senior)—Won by Matrice.

Senior Individual Champion—Ronald Castro.

Junior Individual Champion—A. Mackenzie.

Midget Individual Champion—A. Ruyters.

Inter-Class Champions.—2A. Runners-up, Commercial.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Mar. 27.

New York Cotton Opening Closing

May 8.10/18 8.17/17

July 7.04/04 7.00/06

Oct. 7.50/50 7.50/50

Dec. 7.52/53 7.54/54

Jan. 7.52/52 7.54/54

Mar. 7.57/57 7.50/58

Spot 8.02 N.

New York Rubber 10.14 N.

Mar. 10.07/08a 10.12b/13a

Sept. 10.18/18 10.13b/15a

Dec. 10.18/18 10.13b/15a

To-day's Sales—1,310 tons.

The last Notice day for March

Rubber is March 20th.

Chicago Wheat 10.14 N.

May 47.50/47.54 47.50/47.54

July 49.4/49.4 49.4/49.4

Sept. 50.8/50.8 50.8/50.8

Saturday's Sales—4,233,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn 67.50/67.54 67.50/67.54

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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1889.
W. S. Gilbert, it is well known, likes to design the dresses of the women in his plays. He says of other babbles, improvements, the tailoring and all such adornments, that "I think that women's dress should fall in natural folds to the figure."

It is stated that while at Eton Mr. Gladstone was only flogged once, and that was for refusing to betray a school-fellow who got into trouble.

Thus the San Francisco News Letter: "Chinamen and Britshers seem to be running away for unpopularity just at present, with the chances of success being in largest measure of success being in favour of the Britshers."

The Liverpool Post tells the terrible fate of a congregation of church-goers, who, on being called to rise and receive the benediction, found themselves glued fast to the seats with the new varnish that had not quite dried. Never before was the church so absolutely united, and never one so harmonious in purpose; but that was not the whole case; for there were some who were free from the spell. Silk and brocade unbuttoned every coat, and the horrified people rushed into the streets holding their hands over the most exposed parts. The benediction was a failure.

The Imperieuse has been on the other side of the island that week practising her guns and torpedoes. She caused great excitement among the villagers of Aberdeen and Stanley when she tried up her torpedo-netting—they thought she was fishing, and the beach was covered with groups of fishermen, bewailing the wholesale capture of their lawful prey.

The greatest national debt among the nations of the globe is borne by France. It is about £1,500,000,000. Russia comes next with £900,000,000, then England with £600,000,000; Austria-Hungary with £521,000,000; Italy with £500,000,000; Spain with £301,000,000, and Prussia with £260,000,000.

(Compare these with the present day. France owes £2,680,000,000; Russia probably £1,425,074,000; Italy has probably never been £1,184,985,000, and is borrowing another £800,000,000. As much again as the total debt 50 years ago); Hungary owes £100,000,000; Italy owes £1,065,000,000; Spain owes £180,000,000 before the Civil War, and Germany owes £204,450,000.—Ed.)

25 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1914.

ARMY V. PARLIAMENT AND PEOPLE

More Party Heat in the Commons

FIELD MARSHAL SIR JOHN FRENCH RESIGNS

In the House of Commons, Mr. Austen Chamberlain characterised Colonel Seely's resignation as a put-up job, and said that Colonel Seely had prepared the paragraph which the Government now circulated in consultation with Lord Morley. If these Ministers remained, then the paper which they approved was binding on their colleagues.

Mr. Winston Churchill, who was cheered upon rising, interrupted, and repudiated Sir Chamberlain's "insults." He said that Lord Morley had never revised nor examined the two paragraphs which had been referred to. He mentioned that the little squadron which was ordered to land on the coast of India would remain there during the crisis, and was ready to declare that the great issue of the Army versus Parliament and the People had been raised, and every effort had been made to show that it was always right to shoot a Radical or a worker.

Telegrams from Dublin and the Curraghs show that the majority of the cavalry officers reiterate their determination to resign rather than act against Ulster.

Field Marshal Sir John French has resigned.

10 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1929.

The War Office announces that the North and South China Commands will be amalgamated in the course of next month. Major-General A. E. Wardrop, at present commanding the British troops in North China, will return home and the combined command will be assumed by Major-General J. W. Sandlands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who has just taken over the South China Command from Major-General C. C. Luard. Major-General Sandlands will remain at Hongkong with an augmented Staff. The Shanghai area will be commanded as before by Brigadier-General O. C. Horrell, who has been in command of the 14th Infantry Brigade, Shafts, since 1927. The Tientsin area will be commanded by Brig.-Gen. Ronald M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., who has been Officer Commanding, North China, since 1926.

The carelessness of a watchman in dropping a lighted cigarette and among a pile of inflammable decorating materials is believed to be responsible for the devastating fire which has almost completely destroyed the great new German liner Europa in the Bloum and Voss ship-yards.

The National Government in a proclamation officially declaring war in Wuhan accuses Marshal Li Chai-sun, General Li Chung-ying and General Chang-chai of conspiracy against the Nanking regime, and a veiled threat of punishment to some of those who have been condemned to death for the killing of Marshal Li Chai-sun, who is a prisoner at Nanking. Marshal Chang Kai-shek has left for Kuklung to direct operations. Already 60,000 troops are reported to be moving against Ning-hang and Chang-an, while 10,000 others are to press forward against Chang Kai-shek will personally direct the right flank, and Hankow is to be attacked from Anhui.

5 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1934.

Important developments in the direction of security undertakings between Britain and France may possibly follow the conference which the French Ambassador to Cobden had with Sir John Simon last evening.

It is learned, exclusively, that the conversation centred round the question of what further guarantees France would require in order to induce an attitude towards the British drive. The armament negotiations and that negotiation for tightening up British commitments may follow.

This is interpreted as Britain's final effort to secure a settlement in Europe—although there is no indication of what concessions Britain may make to meet France's demands.

ALL LINED UP..

for the SPRING CLEAN



Brushes, mops
and brooms
come up for
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Home Maker's

A B C

GLASS. Put a little washing blue in the rinsing water, and polish with a leather or pad of tissue paper. The blue produces a lovely sparkle.

BRASS ornaments. If badly tarnished, first clean with a lemon dipped in coarse salt. Rinse, dry and polish with metal polish. Clean off the old lacquer from shabby decoupage brass headrest with a mixture of turpentine and powdered bath-brick, clean with metal polish, then give a new coat of lacquer.

CARETS which cannot be taken up should be thoroughly cleaned with the vacuum cleaner, then rubbed over with a cloth wrung out in equal parts of boiling water and vinegar.

COINAGE. Cover oil or grease stains with a thick paste of Fuller's earth and water, leave to dry, then brush off.

DISTEMPERED walls. Rub down with a pad made of old lace or net to remove surface dust. Washable distemper can then be cleaned with warm water. Wring cloth fairly dry, work from skirtings upwards and put to prevent streaks.

EIDERDOWNS, to dry clean. Brush thoroughly, then sprinkle sheets of newspaper thickly with starch, put the eiderdown on them and "sprinkle" more starch on top. Roll up loosely in the paper, put away in a cool, dry place for two or three days, then brush free of starch.

FLOORS. To whiten plain wooden floors, add two tablespoonsful of glycerine to the pail of scrubbing water. If you are re-staining floors, remove old stain first with a stain remover.

COMPOSITION floors in kitchen or bathroom can be cleaned with turpentine and steel wool. Leave to dry, then wax polish.

LINOLEUM. Clean first with turpentine, wash with soapy water, then rub over with boiled starch. When dry, polish with wax floor polish.

MARBLE. Black shoe polish give a glossy finish to black marble man-

tel-pieces and clocks. Use sparingly and polish with a soft duster.

NET curtains. To tint faded net a creamy colour, mix a teaspoonful of powdered yellow ochre with a little cold water, strain through muslin and add to water.

OXYDISED bronze or silver. Clean with a cloth soaked in linseed oil or olive oil, or with vaseline.

PAINT. Clean matt paint with a cloth wrung out in hot water and dipped in water, rinse with warm water and dry with a soft cloth.

Add two tablespoonsfuls of ammonia to warm soap water for glossy paint. Dry, then polish with a trace of furniture cream. Grained and varnished woodwork can be cleaned with a cloth soaked with linseed oil, then polished.

QUANTITIES can be fairly accurately measured if you remember that the average pall holds two gallons of water, and that one tablespoonful of liquid oil and a heaped tablespoonful of powder each equal one ounce.

RUGS. It is possible to wash fur and sheepskin rugs in warm soap water, which will save running out for foaming lather. Remove backing, squeeze out surplus water, rub with old towels, floor polish, red tile polish, metal soap and silver polish, soap flakes and hang over the line to finish drying.

They can also be dry cleaned with hot bran, which is rubbed well with powder and a non-abrasive cleaning powder cover most cleaning jobs.

ZINC baths and draining boards can be made shining with a paste of damp cloth when cleaning the paint, rinse with hot water and dry.

then rub with yellow soap. They will slide easily and last longer.

TILES. Red quarry tiles should be well rubbed with soft soap. Leave soap overnight, then scrub with hot water and a stiff brush. Rinse, dry, then polish with red tile polish to bring up the colour.

UPHOLSTERY. Greasy patches will usually yield to carbon tetrachloride. Brush well in so that it loosens the dirt, then remove this with a clean, dry cloth.

Upholstered chairs can be freshened with hot bran. Brush first to remove surface dust, then rub with the hot, dry bran, finishing by brushing again with a stiff, clean clothes brush.

VELVET and chenille. Wash in warm soap suds with a little ammonia added to force out the dirt. Rinse in tepid water, squeeze out surplus water, and dry quickly in the oven. Press by drawing the wrong side of the material over the edge of a hot iron.

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Add two tablespoonsfuls of ammonia to warm soap water for glossy paint. Dry, then polish with a trace of furniture cream. Grained and varnished woodwork can be cleaned with a cloth soaked with linseed oil, then polished.

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RUGS. It is possible to wash fur and sheepskin rugs in warm soap water, which will save running out for foaming lather. Remove backing, squeeze out surplus water, rub with old towels, floor polish, red tile polish, metal soap and silver polish, soap flakes and hang over the line to finish drying.

They can also be dry cleaned with hot bran, which is rubbed well with powder and a non-abrasive cleaning powder cover most cleaning jobs.

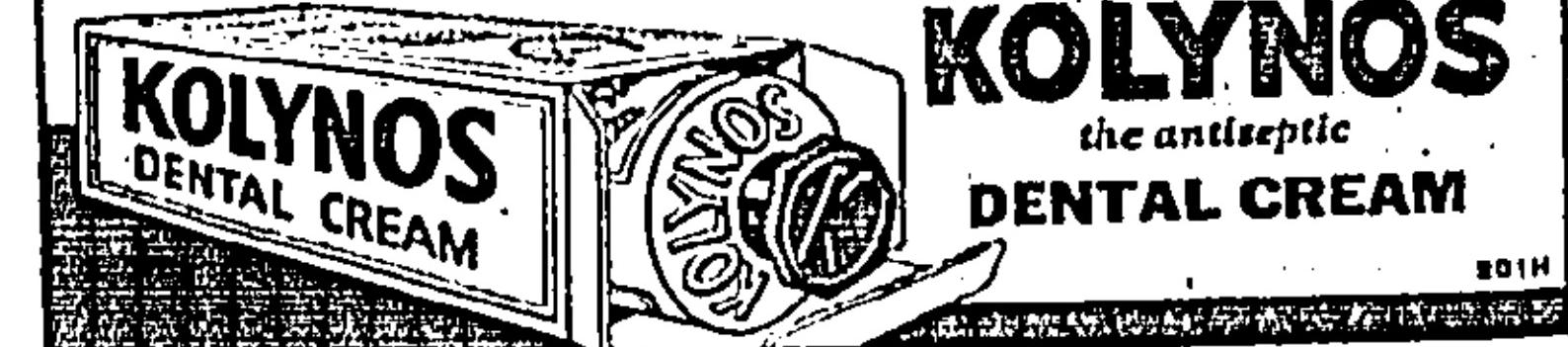
ZINC baths and draining boards can be made shining with a paste of damp cloth when cleaning the paint, rinse with hot water and dry.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Short Cuts

A dress that is to be remodelled has to be ripped carefully. Use a sharp knife or pointed scissors in ripping seams apart and be sure you do not stretch the material, especially at the neck and armholes.

Wrinkled neckties may be freshened as follows: Cut a cardboard form to fit into the wide or outer end of the tie. Cover with a dampened cheesecloth and press with hot iron.

Try putting yellowed ivory in the sun to dry after washing with soap and water. After several treatments of this kind they should begin to grow whiter.

CROWN FOR HITLER Ancient South Russian Relic for Birthday

A Gothic crown whose history goes back for hundreds of years, is to be presented to Herr Hitler, Chancellor of Germany, to mark his little birthday, on April 20.

This news is confirmed locally, and it is ascertained that local Germans have already forwarded their subscriptions to Berlin.

Unfortunately the history of the crown itself is not known here. All that can be learned is that it is very old and formerly belonged to a South Russian ruler. The object of the subscription, it is presumed, is to purchase it from the present holder.

BRIDGE AND MAHJONG

The last Bridge and Mahjong Drive of the M.C.L. financial year was held yesterday afternoon at the Peninsula Hotel.

A large number of ladies attended, filling up tables of Contract Bridge, Mahjong, Clear Game, and Mahjong Chipset Game, and helped to make the function a complete success.

"Attractive prizes were on display during the afternoon, and in the evening were presented.

Tuesday,

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

March 28, 1939.

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Steamers	Tons	From HKong about	Destination
CANTON	16,000	1st Apr. Noon	Marselles & London.
ALIPORE	8,000	8th Apr.	Straits, Colombo, Bombay & Karachi.
CORFU	14,500	15th Apr.	Marselles & London.
ISOMALI	7,000	21st Apr.	B'bay, M'selles, Havre, L'don, Hull, H'bg, R'dam & A'werp.
CHITRAL	15,500	29th Apr.	Marselles & London.
CARTHAGE	14,500	13th May	B'bay, M'selles, Havre, L'don, Hull, H'bg, R'dam & A'werp.
THIANGALORE	8,000	20th May	B'bay, M'selles, Havre, L'don, Hull, H'bg, R'dam & A'werp.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	27th May.	Bombay, Marselles & London.
RANCHI	17,000	10th June	Bombay, Marselles & London.
*BHUTAN	8,000	17th June	B'bay, M'selles, Havre, L'don, Hull, H'bg, R'dam & A'werp.

* Cargo only. † Calls Casablanca. All vessels may call at Malta

BRITISH INDIA APCAR SAILINGS (SOUTH)			
SHIRALA	8,000	8th Apr. 10.30 a.m.	S'pore, Port Swettenham, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,000	22nd Apr.	DO.
SANTHIA	8,000	8th May	DO.
TALMA	10,000	20th May	DO.
SIRDHANA	10,000	3rd June.	DO.

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NANKIN	7,000	1st Apr. 11 a.m.	Manila, Rangoon, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne & Hobart
NELLORE	7,000	5th May.	
TANDA	7,000	3rd June.	

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

TILAWA	10,000	29th Mar.	Shanghai & Japan.
CHITRAL	15,500	30th Mar.	Shanghai & Japan.
NELLORE	7,000	8th April	Shanghai & Japan.
SANTHIA	8,000	13th April	Shanghai & Japan.
CARTHAGE	14,500	13th April	Shanghai & Japan.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	27th Apr.	Shanghai & Japan.
TALMA	10,000	27th Apr.	Shanghai & Japan.
TANDA	7,000	5th May	Shanghai & Japan.

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All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice. Parcels measuring not more than 5 c.ft. will be received at the Company's Office up to noon on the day previous to sailing.

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Kamakura Maru (ex Chiehbu Maru) Thursday, 30th Mar.
Asama Maru Sunday, 10th Apr.

SEATTLE & VANCOUVER (Starts from Kobe) (Convenient connection from Hongkong).

Hikawa Maru (from Kobe) Wednesday, 29th Mar.

NEW YORK via Panama.

Nagara Maru Friday, 7th Apr.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Honolulu, Hilo, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Mexico & Balboa to Valparaiso. (Starts from Kobe, Convenient connection from Hongkong)

Bokuyo Maru (from Kobe) Tuesday, 26th Mar.

LONDON, MARSEILLES, NAPLES via Suez.

Husimi Maru Saturday, 8th Apr.
Hokozaki Maru Saturday, 22nd Apr.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Davao, Thursday Island and Brisbane

BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo

Anyo Maru Sunday, 9th Apr.

RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore

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S S "PRESIDENT TAFT" APR. 21st at 8.00 a.m.
S S "PRESIDENT CLEVELAND" SAILS MAY 5th at 8.00 a.m.
S S "PRESIDENT PIERCE" MAY 10th at 6.00 a.m.
S S "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" SAILS JUNE 3rd at 12.00 Noon
S S "PRESIDENT TAFT" JUNE 18th at 6.00 a.m.

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S S "PRESIDENT ADAMS" APR. 14th at 12.00 Noon

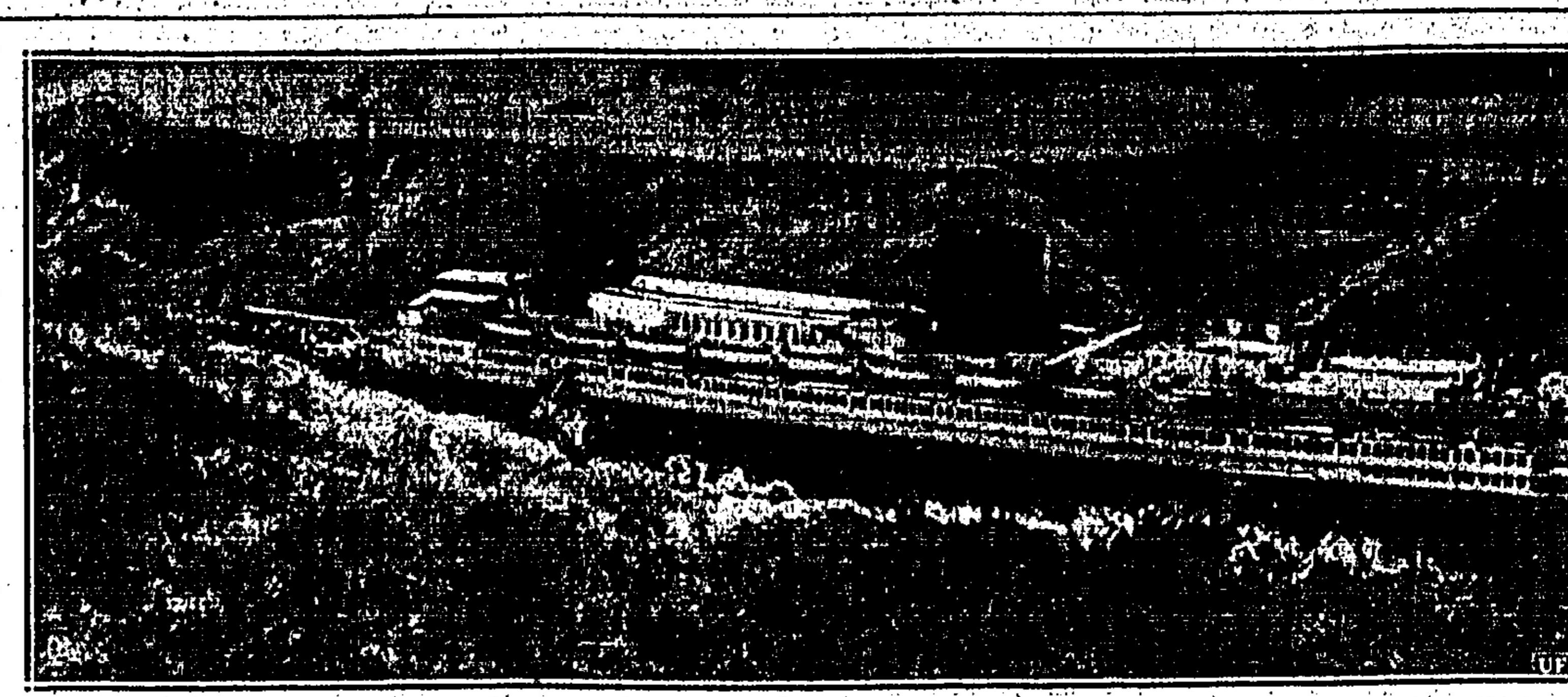
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S S "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" SAILS APR. 3rd at 1.00 a.m.
S S "PRESIDENT TAFT" APR. 14th at 12.00 Noon
S S "PRESIDENT ADAMS" APR. 14th at 12.00 Noon
S S "PRESIDENT CLEVELAND" APR. 28th at 1.00 a.m.

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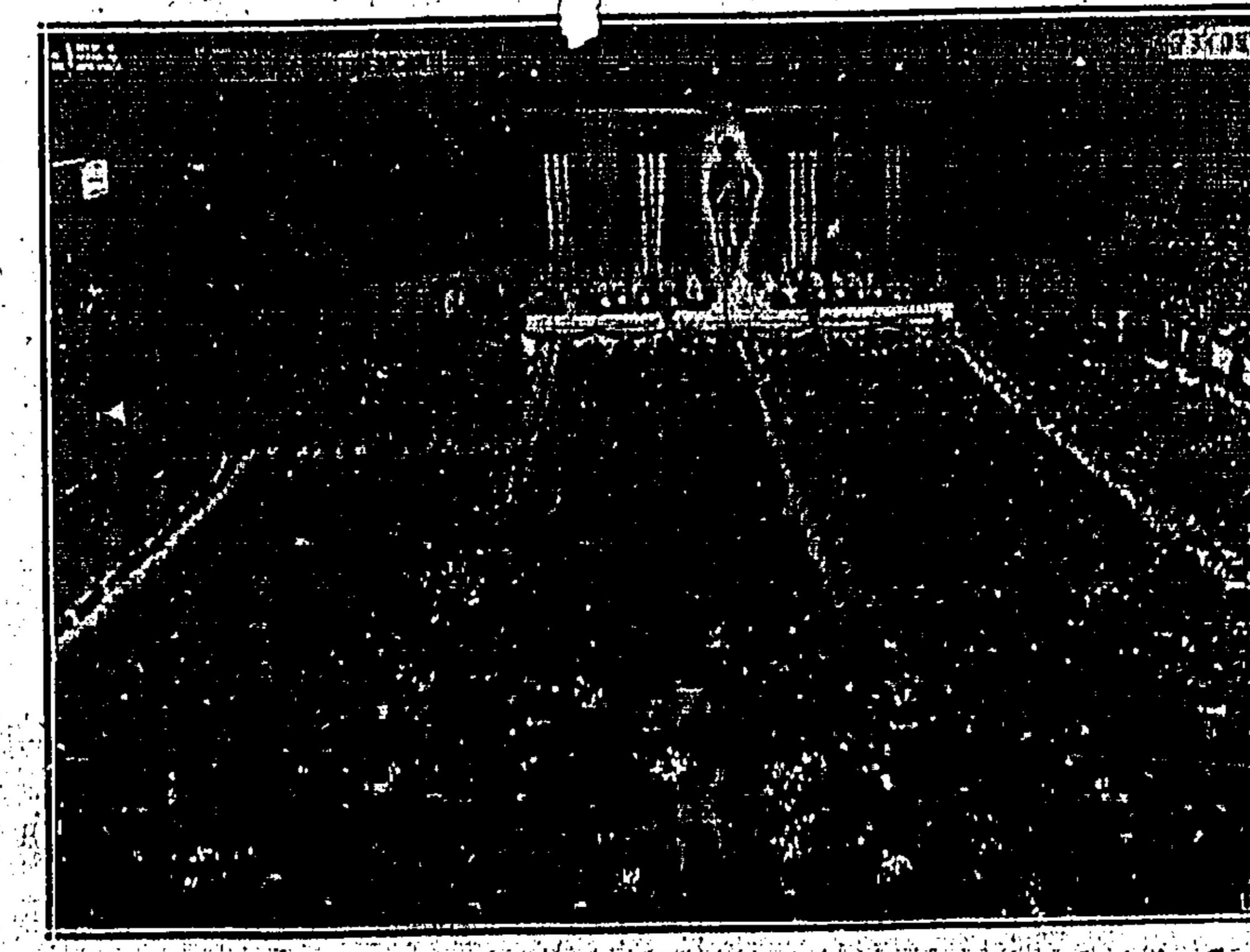
This is no landlocked ship, but the 51,000-ton German liner Bremen attempting to pass through Gaillard Cut of the Panama Canal, while on a southern cruise. She was the largest ship ever to negotiate the canal and the passage was a tight squeeze, as may be seen here. The ship took nearly 12 hours to pass through the canal.



Bright skies, balmy weather and a vast crowd saw the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition off to a grand start, on Treasure Island, San Francisco Bay. Here is one of the elephant trains, with tusks protruding near the headlights, that help to relieve tired feet.



Striking two-piece sun suit is shown by Mrs. Richard E. Beck of Chicago, as she strolls at the Sun and Surf Club at Palm Beach, Fla., where many society folk are vacationing.



Three days after it crashed on Long Island Sound, near Glenwood Landing, this plane owned by the Peruvian Government was raised to a barge for possible repairs and study of what caused the accident. Pilot and co-pilot, trying it for purchase of similar craft, were unhurt.

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Two Hongkong Companies Record Fine Year's Working

CHINESE ESTATES PAY A FINAL DIVIDEND

SHOWING A NET profit of \$124,005.52 for the year, the Chinese Estates, Ltd., paid a final dividend of \$3 per share at the 16th annual meeting held this morning, making a complete payment for the year of \$9 per share.

Mr. Leung Kwai-tin was in the chair, and others present were the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, C.M.G., Mr. Li Yau-tsun, C.I.E., and Mr. Leung Ting-kai (directors), Mr. Fung Ping-fan (director and secretary) and the following shareholders: Messrs. Fung Ping-wa, Li Po-kwai, Li Ngai, Li Cheung, Miss Mok Han, Messrs. Chiu Loong, Co., and Messrs. Yu Hing Co., Ltd.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

In proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, the chairman said:

Gentlemen, The Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts having been in your hands for the prescribed period I will with your permission, read them as read.

The Net Profit for the year, after providing for Reserve for Depreciation on China Building (\$30,000.00), Directors' and Auditor's Fees and all Expenses, amounts to \$124,005.52 which added to \$160,000.30 brought forward from last account, shows a total of \$284,008.02.

A comparison with last year's figures shows that the net profit for the year is \$25,001.90 more than that of the previous year. This increase reveals the soundness of our position, which, I am sure, is a source of satisfaction to shareholders. I am also pleased to report that owing to the advantageous situation of China Building, all shops and office rooms have been let.

You will note from the accounts that a sum of \$32,733.02 has been expended on Repairs on Premises, as compared with \$6,231.31 expended in the previous year. The increase is accounted for by \$23,980.18 incurred on the re-construction of the partitions and widening of the passages, and by about \$2,800 expended on extensive repairs on the building.

The distribution of the large sum of \$23,980.18 is justified by the great improvements effected in the lighting and general appearance of the interior of the building, which have evoked commendations from our tenants and persons visiting the building. Your Directors trust that shareholders will agree with them that the money has been well spent.

FOUR DIVIDENDS

Three dividends of \$2 each per share have already been declared and paid. Your Directors are now glad to be able to recommend the payment of a final dividend of \$3 per share, making \$9 per share in all for the year. This dividend is the same as that of last year, and your Directors trust that this will be considered by shareholders as satisfactory.

After payment of the final dividend, which absorbs \$10,500, there will be a balance of \$136,400.82, which your Directors propose, with your approval, to carry forward to new account. Before moving the adoption of the Report and Accounts, I desire to express my appreciation of the good work of the Secretary and the other members of the staff.

I now beg to move that the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts as presented be adopted. When the motion has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions that may be put to me. Any motion that may be put to me, Mr. Li Po Kwal seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall proposed, and Mr. Li Po Kwal seconded, that Messrs. Fung Ping-fan and Leung Ting-kai be re-elected as Directors of the Company for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Liu Tuk-Po, and seconded by Mr. Li Yau-tsun, Mr. Li Tung was re-elected Auditor of the Company at the present remuneration.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Mar. 27.

New York Cotton.

	Opening	Closing
May	8.17/18	8.17/17
July	7.94/04	7.00/00
Oct.	7.50/59	7.50/59
Dec.	7.53/53	7.54 N
Jan.	7.52/62	7.54/54
Mar.	7.57/57	7.58/58
Spot		8.02 N

New York Rubber.

	Opening	Closing
Mar.	10.07/08	10.14 N
May	10.18/18	10.12/13a
Sept.	10.18/18	10.13/13a
Dec.	10.18/18	10.13/13a
The last Noddy day for March	1,310 tons.	
Rubber is March 20th.		

Chicago Wheat.

	Opening	Closing
May	67 1/2/67 1/2	67 1/2/67 1/2
July	67 1/2/67 1/2	67 1/2/67 1/2
Sept.	68 1/2/68 1/2	68 1/2/68 1/2
Saturday's Sales:-	4,233,000 bushels.	

Chicago Corn.

	Opening	Closing
May	47 1/2/47 1/2	47 1/2/47 1/2
July	49 1/2/49 1/2	49 1/2/49 1/2
Sept.	50 1/2/50 1/2	50 1/2/50 1/2
May	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2
July	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2
Sept.	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2

Date Bureau Scores.

OAKLAND, Cal.

A "blind date" started the romance between Robert H. Higginbotham, 29, and Miss Florence Freeland, 21, which resulted in their elopement to Reno and marriage. They first met when the date bureau of the University of California, assigned Higginbotham to escort Miss Freeland recently. They were accompanied by a formal dance.

N.D.L. Deny Rumours

The North German Lloyd office in Hongkong has received cable information from the head office in Germany, stating authoritatively that all reports concerning a possible transfer of the route of the company's giant liners Bremen and Europa from the North-Atlantic route (Hamburg—New York) to the South Atlantic route (Hamburg—South America) are absolutely without foundation.

No change of sailing or route has been contemplated, or is expected to be contemplated for the future.—Trans-Ocean.

MISSING PLANE RETURNS

Night Adventure Of Pilot Student

JUST as three Far East Aviation Training School planes, one of which was to have taken a "Telegraph" reporter to search for the missing student, were warming up at Kai Tak Airport this morning, the lost plane was seen streaking for the Colony.

At 10.20 a.m. George Huang, the missing pilot, stepped from his Hornet Moth plane, after being "lost" since 3.15 p.m. yesterday.

He told the "Telegraph" that he had lost his direction owing to bad visibility and had landed on the beach at Mirs Bay at 4.15 p.m.

He spent the night in Mirs Bay and remained there this morning until visibility became good enough for him to take off again for Kai Tak.

Huang set off from the Airport yesterday for a short practice flight. A blanket of mist descended so swiftly that he lost his bearings.

After flying around for an hour he decided to land on a strip of beach which became visible below. When he landed he found himself in Mirs Bay.

Huang was described last night as an expert pilot. He is training for his "B" Class certificate.

Commercial aviation has also suffered considerable delay this morning owing to bad visibility.

The Delta and Delphinus were not able to leave Kai Tak for Bangkok until 10 a.m. At 10.15 the Boeing 247 was still riding at anchor off the landing field, awaiting favourable weather before departing for Manila on the return flight to San Francisco.

CLOUDS CLOSED IN

Huang left Kai Tak at 3.15 p.m. for a flight which was to have lasted until 4.15 p.m. Shortly after taking off, the clouds below his machine closed in and he soon lost his bearings. He "circled" for some time, hoping for a break in the clouds. When it became apparent, however, that there was no possibility of fog lifting over the harbour, Huang flew in wider circles and eventually saw a long strip of yellow beach below him.

LANDED IN BIAS BAY! He landed on the beach without mishap, but discovered that he was in Bias Bay.

Realising that he was in Chinese territory recently occupied by the Japanese, he declared, despite the poor visibility, to take on again.

Without difficulty, he flew to British territory in Mirs Bay, where he made another successful landing just as it was becoming dark.

Visibility was still bad, and he decided to spend the night at Mirs Bay. He secured a little food from some villagers in the vicinity and remained in the plane until 9.30 a.m., when he took off for Kai Tak.

His achievement in finding Kai Tak Airport this morning was hailed by personnel at the Training School as the airport is blanketed in such a thick fog that all commercial planes have been grounded. Huang was enthusiastically greeted by members of the Training School when he landed. Sandwiches which had been prepared for him and were to have been taken in search planes were handed to him when he landed, and ate them hungrily.

PLANE TAKES OFF

The decision to send out three search planes was made at 9.40 a.m. Mr. Bedell took off in a cabin machine and at 11 o'clock was still searching for Huang, unaware of the fact that he had safely returned.

The motors of the other two machines were warming up, preparing to take off for the search, when Huang broke through the clouds above the Airport and landed.

New Japanese Complaint

TOKYO, Mar. 27.

The "Yomiuri Shinbun" says that the British authorities at Singapore are bringing increasing pressure to bear upon Japanese fishermen engaged in fishing in the waters adjacent to Singapore.

The paper believes that the establishment of a marine industry school at Singapore by the British authorities which was recently announced is motivated to drive out Japanese fishery interests from Singapore.—Domestic.

WATSON'S BIG PROFIT DESPITE CANTON TROUBLE

DESPITE THE CLOSING down of the Canton branch, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., revealed at the annual meeting this morning that the profit on the year's working amounting to \$318,627.95 was the highest in sixteen years.

To create a Special Reserve	100,000.00
Against outstanding Accounts in China	50,000.00
To transfer to Chinese Staff Super-annuation Fund	10,000.00
Building Improvement	1,000.00
And Carry Forward to next Account	\$1,043.30
	\$303,030.00

As a result of increased turnover, the company was able to reduce its indebtedness to their Bankers by over two lakhs of dollars.

The annual meeting was held in the Hongkong Hotel.

Among those present were Mr. D. E. Clark (Chairman), Sir Shouson Chow, Messrs. J. Scott Harston, S. T. Williamson, L. Guy (Directors), W. Paterson (Secretary), and Messrs. F. W. Stapleton, W. T. Simpson, P. C. Potts, P. Wong, C. B. Brown, N. V. A. Croucher, J. D. Humphreys, J. E. Jupp, J. A. Tarrant, Li Shiu-chung, and Wong Kim-isol (shareholders).

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

After the Secretary had read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:

"I propose with your permission to adopt the usual procedure and to adopt the Report and Statement of Accounts, together with Auditors' Report, as read."

"It will be observed from the Accounts now before you that Profit on the year's working amounts to \$318,627.95 which is considerably higher than the figures submitted to you on similar occasions in recent years. In fact, one must turn back to 1923 to find a balance of an equally satisfactory nature.

"This gratifying result is attributable to the marked improvement shown by all Hongkong Departments both as regards trading and profits.

The abnormally dry Summer months were, no doubt, partly instrumental in increasing the turnover of our Aerated Water Factory and this Department of the business registered a satisfactory increase over previous years.

CANTON BRANCH

"On the other hand, it was apparent from the outset that a favourable result could not be anticipated from our Canton Branch in view of the difficult conditions prevailing and, although a fair amount of business was executed on a satisfactory basis at the commencement of the season, the subsequent depreciation of the National currency—as against the Hongkong dollar, made further profitable trading impossible. Consequently, our main efforts were directed to effecting all possible economies in overhead expenditure with a view to minimising the probable adverse balance from this Account.

"The Canton Dispensary, our Shamian Retail Department, was closed down in May last and the premises were leased at a satisfactory rental; unfortunately, however, the outbreak of hostilities in the City completely dislocated trade in that area—with the result—that the arrangement is meanwhile in abeyance.

"Our factory at Pak Hin Hoek has been temporarily closed, but plant is supported by a skeleton staff of selected and experienced workmen, so that, should conditions warrant, the subsequent depreciation of the National currency—as against the Hongkong dollar, made further profitable trading impossible. Consequently, our main efforts were directed to effecting all possible economies in overhead expenditure with a view to minimising the probable adverse balance from this Account.

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Tuesday,

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

March 28, 1939.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST OCTOBER, 1938.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 18TH MARCH, 1939, to TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1939.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Thirty-fourth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Thursday, the 13th April, 1939, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 29th March to 13th April, 1939, both days inclusive.

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General Managers,
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1939.

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EXAMINATION FOR LOCAL CLERKS.

A limited competitive examination for vacancies for 3rd grade Local Clerks will be held on 11th April, at 9.30 a.m. Candidates must be between the ages of 19-30. Examination will embrace English Essay and Dictation, Arithmetic and Typewriting.

Application for selection to compete must be made in the candidate's own handwriting and should reach the Naval Store Officer, H. M. Dockyard not later than 1st April.

Two passport photographs of the candidate must be sent with the application.

HONGKONG CLUB

Notice

The Ninety Fifth Yearly General Meeting of the Members of the Hongkong Club will be held in the Club House on Tuesday, the 28th March, 1939, at 5.30 p.m.

By order,

S. R. KERR,
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Hongkong, 14th March, 1939.

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Torch Applied To Nanchang

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miles in circumference, have often flags flying above them. Since the beginning of the Christian Era Nanchang has never been occupied by an invading force.

The nearest it came to invasion was during the Taiping Rebellion last century.

The Taipings besieged the city for a month but were unable to penetrate its walls.

In the minds of Nanchang residents credit for the city's remarkable record of invulnerability is due to the city's great deified saint, Hsu Chiu Yang, who at one time saved the province from flood by killing a dragon snake which was threatening to make the province a part of the Yellow Sea.

Hsu cast the dragon into a well and as a result he was in A.D. 200 deified and made "Universal Lord of Happiness." Many temples in all parts of China are dedicated to him.

Sacrificed Lives

The most thrilling episode in the entire battle for Nanchang is revealed by a Japanese admission of the bravery of a lone Chinese squad which sacrificed itself in order to dynamite the famous Chungcheng (Golden) Bridge across the Kan River.

The Chinese squad barricaded itself inside a concrete pillbox outside the Castle Gate of the city and, with machine guns, commanded all approaching to the bridge while sappers worked under fire to place the dynamite charges.

Repeated efforts by the Japanese to cross the bridge were frustrated by the hail of machine-gun fire.

Tanks were finally brought into action. The tiny Chinese unit was completely wiped out by cannon fire. As the Japanese tanks were crossing the bridge, however, it blew up with a terrific detonation.

The dynamiting of the bridge held up the Japanese advance into Nanchang for ten hours and explained the reason why the railway station was captured at 9 o'clock in the morning—several hours before the city itself fell.

Bravery Eulogised

It is believed that this is the first time in the history of the war that the Japanese have given due credit to the bravery of their opponents.

The Japanese report of the incident stresses the bravery of the Chinese who gave their lives in the defence of the city.

Nanchang has been severely damaged by artillery and aerial bombardments and, subsequently, by fire, which is still sweeping the city this morning.

PARIS, Mar. 28.—The Slovak Defense Ministry has called up Air Force officers and certain units of the 1932, 1934, 1935 and 1938 classes, according to "Havas" Correspondent in Bratislava.

\$30,000,000
FOR FRANCO

The Spanish Nationalist authorities are seeking to recover some £30,000,000 gold deposited in France by the Republicans.

This is only an estimate. The exact amount deposited is not known.

The Bank of France holds £20,000,000 in bars. This was deposited by the Bank of Spain in 1931 as security for a loan.

Other large amounts have been deposited at various French banks. It is not yet known how much of this has been spent. The remainder will be credited to the Nationalist Government.

Another item is gold and silver seized by the French Customs at Cerbere. It is believed to amount to £1,500,000.

DIPLOMATS ACTIVE SOLDIERS IN COURT

(Continued from Page 1)

pressed the thanks of the French Government to President Lebrun and the Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet for the results achieved by their visit to London, which had once again demonstrated the strength and heartiness of Anglo-French friendship.

M. Bonnet made a detailed report on his conversations with Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax, and gave a comprehensive account of the present International situation.

It is added that the Foreign Minister referred at some length to Signor Mussolini's speech delivered on Sunday.

A number of decrees relating to national defence were signed by President Lebrun, and will be published on Tuesday.

It is stated that a meeting of Ministers will take place on Wednesday to consider the speech which M. Daladier will broadcast to the French nation during this week.—Trans-Ocean.

Slovak Mobilisation

PARIS, Mar. 28.—The Slovak Defense Ministry has called up Air Force officers and certain units of the 1932, 1934, 1935 and 1938 classes, according to "Havas" Correspondent in Bratislava.

It is reported they are employing 4,000 prisoners of war and 750 military engineers on the project.—United Press.

Britons Held

TOKYO, Mar. 28.—"Domel" report from Keelung states that, following strict examination by gendarmerie, Thomas Miller, third mate, John Griffin, fourth mate and Zanetus, a sailor, all of British steamer Nell Seacombe, have been detained for trial.

They are charged with photographing a fortified zone.—Reuters.

W. H. Mohrmann, of 58 Taipo Road, was cautioned by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, when summoned for leaving his motor car unattended in Pottinger Street, Central district, on March 13. The defendant pleaded that he did not know he could not leave his car there.

Sanitary Inspector C. Strange, residing at quarters in Calne Road, has reported that clothing worth \$25 was stolen from his motor car, parked in Gap Head, Happy Valley, on Sunday.

A fine of \$8 was imposed on Mrs. R. J. Stevens, of Boundary Street, by Mr. E. Hinsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when she was summoned for allowing her dog to wander in the road without a muzzle on March 6.

WARSAW, Mar. 28.—Poland has floated a £40,000,000 internal defence loan. Appealing for support for the loan, General Skwarecky, leader of the Government Party, declares that Poland visualises the war of the future as an era of fresh successes for the Invincible Polish army." He adds that the Polish people regard the events of historical importance occurring near their frontiers calmly because "we are confident of our strength."—Reuters.

"MADE IN JAPAN"

An effect of anti-Japanese boycotts in various parts of the world was seen here when mechanical toys were shipped abroad without the inscription, "Made in Japan." The word "foreign" was substituted for the more explicit mark of origin.

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FRANCIS I. du PONT & COMPANY REPORT BY CABLE:

STOCKS: London and Paris agree that Signor Mussolini's speech has improved prospects of temporary easing of the European political tension.

The French Government is reported to be ordering 100 additional warplanes from Glen Martin and Douglas Aircraft.

Furniture manufacturers report February new business to be over 36 per cent. above the corresponding period of 1938.

EARNINGS: Stock Period 1938 1937
Anaconda Copper Mining ... Yr. 31/12 \$1.10 \$1.62
Union Carbide & Carbon ... Yr. 31/12 \$2.77 \$4.75
Kenecott Mining ... Yr. 31/12 \$2.10
Electric Auto-Lite ... 4th quarter \$1.20

MARCH 24 MARCH 27
LONDON AVERAGES:
Industrial Average 97.5 98.0
Rails Average 54.8 55.7

These averages are based on 100 as of December 31, 1938.

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6.00 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.

(a) Garden of the Moon; (b) If Dreams come true; (c) Foolin' Myself; (d) When you're smiling.

6.14 Record: Clownerie Swing (Azarola); Rumba Aerobatique (Azarola); Rumba at the Piano.

6.21 (a) Who are we to say; (b) I've got a pocketful of dreams; (c) Music for Sweethearts; (d) Rhymn Excursion.

6.35 Records: Bojangles Of Harlem (film "Swing Time"); A Fine Romance (film "Swing Time").

Fred Astaire (Vocal) with Jimmy Green's Orchestra; Schon Rosmarin (Krisler); Marcel Mule (Saxophone) with Piano.

6.44 (a) Stolen Heaven; (b) Wacky Dust; (c) Don't let that mean get away; (d) East Side Kick.

6.58 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.00 London Relay—The Thin Red Line', The Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

This year the Royal Welsh Fusiliers celebrates the two hundred and fifth anniversary of its foundation. In this programme listeners will hear of the many engagements in which the Fusiliers have fought with distinction, and of the regiment's privileges and traditions.

7.10 London Relay—The City of London.

"Mining Lane" by C. J. Ritchie and Billingsgate by T. S. Dove; Introduced by Alan Ivimey.

7.20 Tchaikovsky—Symphony No. 6 in B Minor, Op. 44 (The Pathétique).

Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitsky.

11.00 Close Down.

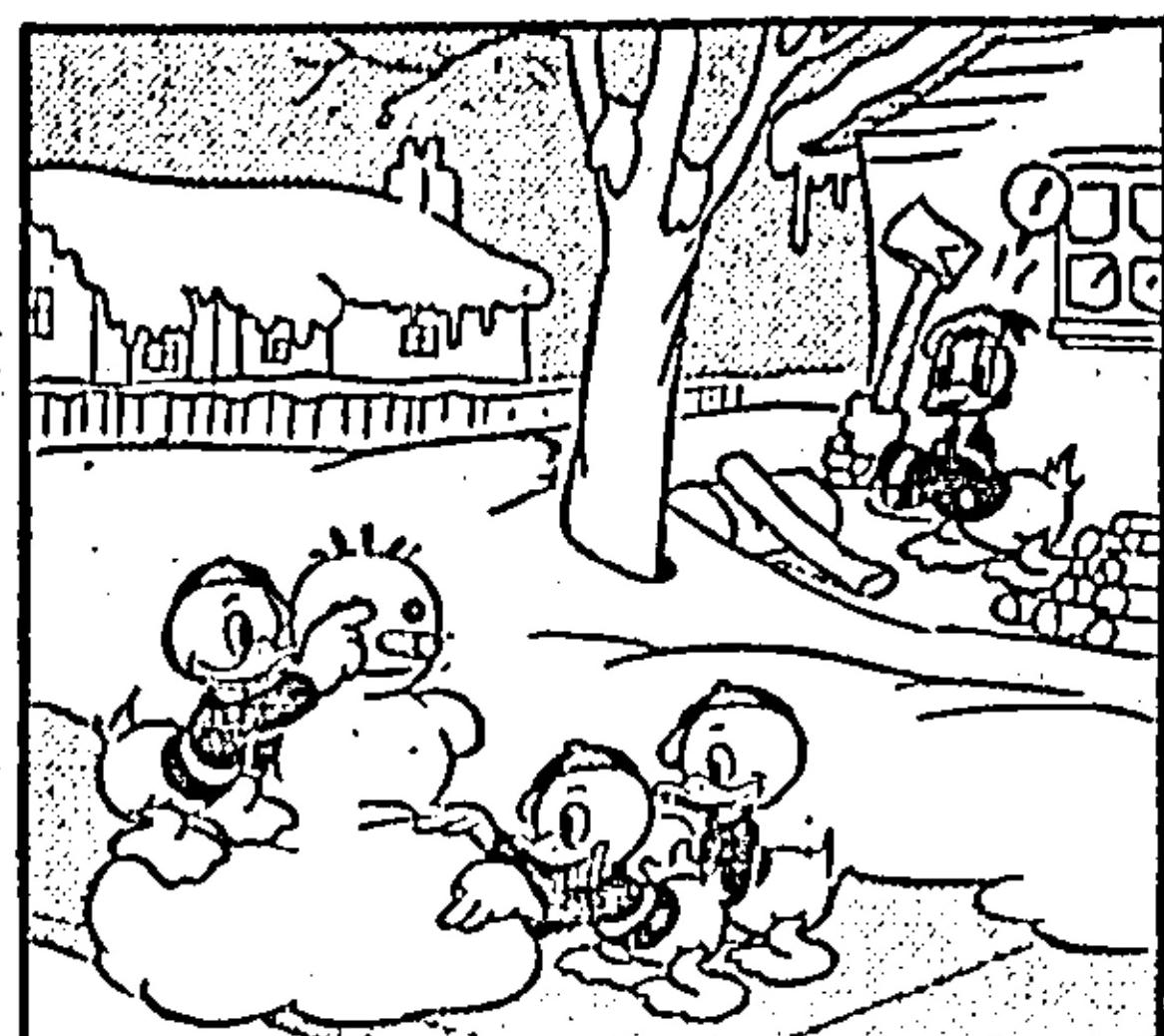
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SENSATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS in connection with the series of armed robberies that have been committed in Kowloon of late are expected following the arrest this morning of three men, who made an unsuccessful attack on an amah employed by Mr. S. W. Minshall, of the Sworn Measurers' Office.

EUROPEAN VICTIMS IN PETTY CRIME WAVE

THE THIEF of a pullover, valued at \$40, from her home, 94 Waterlo Road, Kowloon, between March 21 and 22, has been reported to the police by Mrs. E. W. Blackmore.

Mrs. A. R. H. Butcher, of 106 The Peak, has reported that during July last year and yesterday, someone stole a table cloth, valued at \$65, from her home.

Mr. D. M. Richards, of 113 The Peak, was robbed of \$15 by some person who entered his bedroom during the early hours yesterday, and

FRENCH AMBASSADOR

Arrives by Steamer From Haiphong

His Excellency M. H. Cosme, the new French Ambassador to China, reached Hongkong yesterday by the steamer Canton from Haiphong.

He was accompanied by Col. Yvon, who has replaced the late Col. Rouelle as Military Attaché.

M. Cosme will sail for Shanghai to-morrow. He was Counsellor to the Embassy at Peking from 1927 to 1929.

British Chief Of Staff In France

London, Mar. 27. Viscount Gort, Chief of General Staff, goes to Paris to-morrow on the personal invitation of General Gamelin to spend a few days in France to see the military exercises and to visit the fortifications of the Maginot Line.

He will be accompanied by four staff officers.—Reuter Special:

GOEBBELS' VISIT

Berlin, Mar. 27. Dr. Josef Goebbels is leaving here to-night for a visit of several days to Budapest and Athens, accompanied by his personal Adjutant and three other officials.

It is officially stated that the journey is purely for private reasons of health.—Reuter Special.

The three men attacked the amah, Ah Yuk, about 7 a.m. as she came out of the house of her employer at 207 Prince Edward Road.

One of the men threw pepper into her eyes and blinded her while the other two, one of whom was armed with a dagger, caught hold of her and relieved her of about one dollar in small coins.

Fortunately, the incident was seen by a watchman, a Dairy Farm cooke and a constable, who went to the rescue.

OVERPOWERED

A number of Europeans were also attracted to the scene by the commotion, and although the robbers put up a desperate struggle they were eventually overpowered and taken into the office of Credit Foncier d'Extreme Orient to await the arrival of the Emergency Unit van.

The robbers were taken to the Shamshulpo Police Station and the Kowloon Hospital.

NEW FINDS MADE AT ROSETTA

Egypt. Four large pieces of stone bearing hieroglyphic inscriptions have been found at Rosetta, where the famous Rosetta Stone was discovered more than 140 years ago. The Rosetta Stone provided the world with the foundation upon which the history of ancient Egypt has been built.

IN THE COURTS

NEWS IS KNOWLEDGE

QUESTION: Which is the world's busiest railway junction?

ANSWER: Clapham Junction, London, 2,500 trains are dealt with every 24 hours according to the 1939 edition of "Facts About British Railways."

Q: Which nation holds the record for the world's fastest steam train?

A: Britain, with the streamlined express, "The Coronation," which set up the record of 125 miles an hour last summer.

Q: Which is the fastest run in the British Empire?

A: "The Coronation's" regular trip, King's Cross-Edinburgh, 392½ miles in 6 hours.

Q: What are the chances of being killed in an accident on a British railway?

A: Last year's accident records showed that the odds were 232,000,000 to 1 against.

SOLDIERS IN COURT

Fined For Assault On Two Chinese

APPEARING ON REMAND before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, three sappers in the Royal Engineers, William John Gardner, 20, David Edward Alison, 20, and Thomas Marney, 19, were convicted of assault on two Chinese in Wanchoi on March 18, and were each fined \$25.

They assaulted Yip Ming-chun and his wife, Liu Wan-ying, outside the door of the latter's house in Lockhart Road about 12.15 a.m. on March 18, when Yip was waiting for the door to be opened. Yip alleged he was kicked, and the woman that she had been struck over the mouth.

The defendants called Sapper Harold Morris Ganter, R.E., as a witness.

Ganter said he was walking along Lockhart Road sometime after midnight on March 18, together with Marney, Gardner and Alison were walking some distance ahead.

Witness saw a group gathering in the road, and Marney left him to see what was the matter.

Witness caught sight of the second complainant, wielding stick in her hand but could not see whether she struck anyone. She fell down.

POLICE WHISTLES BLOWN

Police whistles were blown by several people. Marney rejoined witness, and they continued their walk along the road.

Gardner and Alison also walked on, but near the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, they were stopped by Sub-Inspector R. McEwan and L/Cpl. Willis, of the Military Police, and taken to Wanchoi police station. Witness and Marney went along as witnesses.

Questioned by Sergeant T. Cashman, who prosecuted, witness said he did not see what caused the woman to fall.

RAN DOWN LANE

Making a statement, Gardner said he was walking with Alison, when they saw a quarrel. They went to see what was the matter, and defendant was struck on the back with a stick. He turned to see who had struck him, and found Yip, whom he pushed away. Yip blew a police whistle, and defendant and Alison ran down a lane to the children's playground, where they were stopped by L/Cpl. Willis.

Alison said he was with Gardner, and made no further statement.

Marney said he saw a crowd gathering and walked across to have a look. He saw the woman holding something like an umbrella or stick in her hand. Police whistles were blown and Gardner and Alison, who were in the crowd, left. They were stopped near the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home and taken to the police station. Defendant and Ganter followed, and at the station, Yip and his wife were asked if defendant or Ganter had taken part in the assault, and both said no. Defendant was surprised when he was picked out at an identification parade at the barracks on March 20.

Convicting all the defendants, his Worship said he believed the complainants were assaulted.

"I Warn You," Puisne Judge Tells Witness In Distraint Summons

"I WARN YOU if you go on telling lies like this, you will lose your case, and it will cost you dear," said Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, Puisne Judge, in a case before the Summary Court to-day.

False Teeth Murder Trial

"WE HAVE COME TO ROB—NOT TO KILL"

AN UNSUCCESSFUL SUB MISSION that the four clients he represents in the joint trial of five Chinese males on a capital charge at Criminal Sessions this morning, should not go before the jury for murder but perhaps for a minor charge, was made by Mr. H. Lee to the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

The Chief Justice rejected the submission and the case is continuing.

The charges arise from the death of an elderly Chinese who was choked to death when tied and gagged by the accused who, with others, robbed his shop at Hungom of \$16 in the early hours of February 6.

STOP FOKI CHARGED

One of the accused, alleged the Crown, was a shop foiki who slept on the premises and assisted in the crime by admitting the robbers. It was an empty theft commented the Crown Counsel, Mr. John Wyatt, in prosecuting, for the total proceeds of the robbery amounted only to about \$16, as the thieves were unable to find the keys to safes containing about \$3,000.

The men, who are charged with the murder of Leung Hung, 60, at Wuho Street, Hung Hom, on February 6, are Leung Chau (20), Lam Kam-chuen (47), Fung Chak (21), Li Shek-man (31), and Leung Tai (43).

The case is being heard before the Chief Justice (Sir Atholl MacGregor) and a Jury comprising Messrs. B. C. Proulx (Foreman); F. J. dor Remond, Tham Khal-hong, S. N. Putuloff, P. T. Mann, Wong Sun-ye, and K. J. K. H. Haase.

Mr. John Wyatt, Crown Counsel conducted the case for the Crown. Leung Chau was represented by Mr. Hin-shing Lo (instructed by Mr. C. Kwan) and the four other accused by four other men.

No. 5 accused gave him one of several oranges he was carrying with the remark that he would find it useful later on.

When they gathered outside the house, there were nine persons in all, among them being No. 1 accused, though witness did not know where he had come from.

Witness was handed knife and some wire and then one of the men removed a pole from the back door and they went in.

Witness was frightened and threw away his knife, wire and orange.

The men who went in were Chan On, Lam Ho, Cheung To, and Nos. 1, 4 and 3 accused besides witness.

"DON'T BE FRIGHTENED"

Witness saw a man squatting on the ground floor. He appeared frightened and witness told him not to be frightened as he had come only to rob and not to kill.

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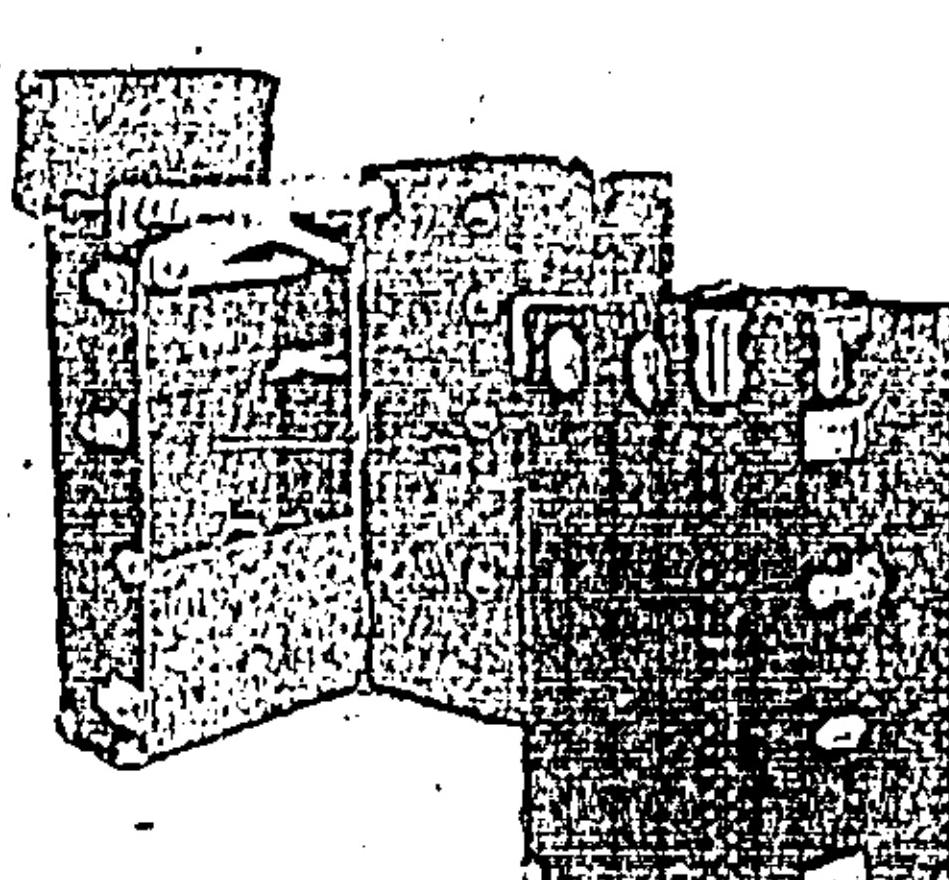
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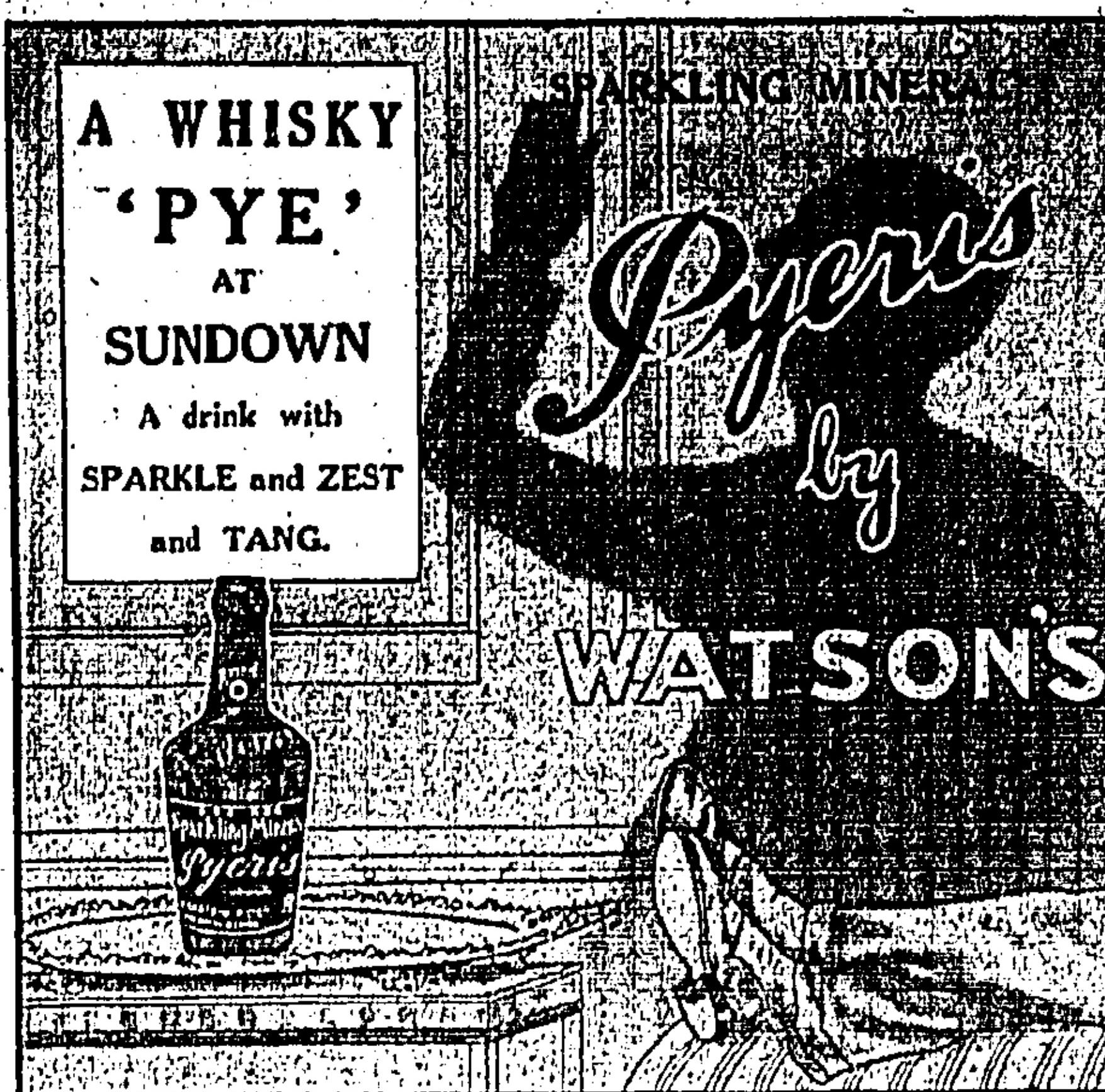
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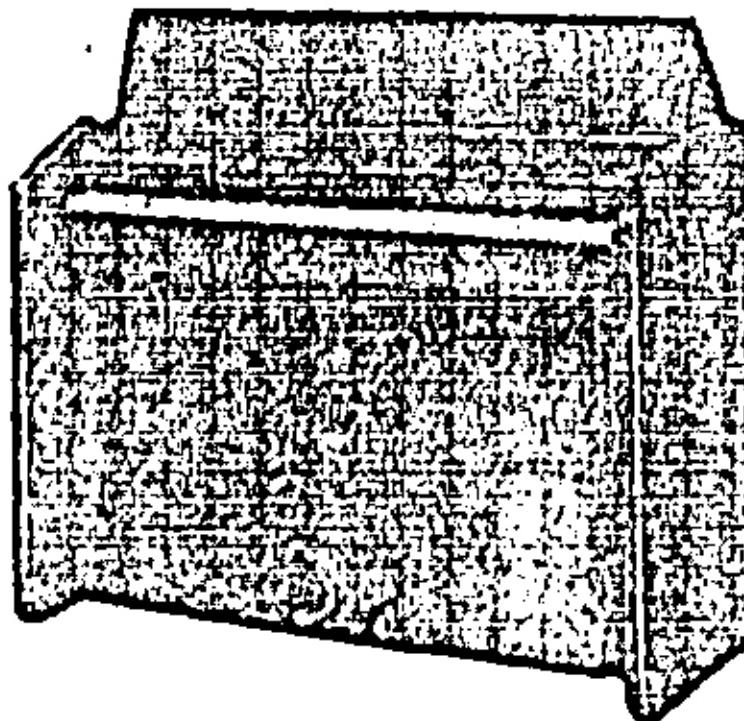


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Germany and Britain

THERE IS no danger of war between Britain and Germany. That peril does not exist for the good and sufficient reason that there is at present not one valid reason why they should fight.

The treatment of the unfortunate Jews in Germany shocks the English public. But it is recognised as an internal problem, like any other outbreak of crime. The rape of Czechoslovakia may at one time have been a reason for war, but it is past and is no more reason why Germany and Britain should fight than the rape of Abyssinia should now cause an Anglo-Italian conflict.

In any case, we cannot hamper humanity into the Germans with bombs and bullets, even if we have the right to do so.

Nor is there any trace of a real desire by Germany to pursue Britain. There is, of course, some rough language. But that, be it admitted, comes from both sides, for the British Press is not irreproachable.

These observations are made without any regard to the merits of the case. We believe there is plenty of justification for the vituperation that has been poured on Germany by the peoples and newspapers of peace-loving nations. But that fact does not mean that there is going to be war.

Recent outrages by Germany do not differ in severity, though they may differ in scale, from the offences for which Germany has become notorious in the past two years.

So what? We came nearest to war in September last year. But the world is so jittery that tension to-day is as great as it was six months ago.

Personal Impression

HOW THE news-reels open up the world and widen the range of human understanding!

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The news-reel gives the eye a vivid picture of what is happening in the world to-day and gives the mind an understanding of events that cannot be obtained from other sources.

There is the value of the news-reel. It enables the spectator to estimate the many angles in the news first received from the newspapers. And, of course, it is upon understanding that democracy is founded.

It is deplorable, therefore, that consular should exist in Hongkong to the extent that those remarkable "March of Time" news-reels are so hacked and scissored that many of their subjects are rendered unintelligible. Such an instance occurred last week.

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'I asked Mussolini questions ...'

First of a new series of articles in which questions are put to the Duce by an interpreter — and answered from Mussolini's "My Autobiography."

Q. You signed a Fascism has clearly outgrown." pact with Britain (p.211.) to respect the status quo in the Mediterranean. Will you keep to it?

A. "And now (in 1915) while Italy remained out of the war our first legions of volunteers were organised and went to France to fight... Again the red shirts, once distinguished as the saviours of Italy, now in the land of France testified to the indestructibility of Latinity.

"The past quarrels—not long past—of Mediterranean interests were wiped out... Everything was off. France was in danger! This I preached and set forth. France was in danger." (pp.43-4.)

Q. What do you think of the English?

A. "The intellectual life of the Anglo-Saxon interests me especially, because of the organised character of its culture and its scholastic touch and flavour." (p.32.)

Q. Your followers cry for colonies to oppose France. What

Tunis, Corsica, Djibouti, is your attitude to Italians in

Nice, Why do you want France's foreign lands?

A. "To a nation like ours, powerful and prolific, that has a need of raw materials, of outlets, of markets, and of land on account of the exuberance of its population, only some insignificant rectifications of frontiers were granted when the glut of colonial spoil was passed round (after the war)." (p.212.)

Q. What is your colonial policy, then?

A. "My colonial policy has a simple affinity with my foreign policy.—Even taking into consideration the virtues of our colonising peoples, even remembering all the fine human material we have given for the development of entire regions of the African and American worlds, before the war and after, we had failed to realise the potential possibilities for our colonial programme..."

"We missed them (just after the war) that legitimate satisfaction which should have come to us from right and from duty fulfilled during and after the war." (p.212.)

Q. Why do you need more colonies? Why did you take Abyssinia?

A. "Colonial development would not have been for us merely a logical consequence of our population problem, but would have constituted a formula of solution for our economic situation.

"Even now... this situation has to find its full solution. Our colonies are few, and not all open to extensive improvement. (This was before he took Abyssinia—author)." (p.212.)

"Into these labours to rebuild Italy's peaceful position before the world, and to develop, as duty dictates, every colonial possibility which may help to solve our population problems, I have put my days and some of my sleepless nights." (p.213.)

Q. Despite your peaceful protestations you did not forbid your Fascist followers to organise demonstrations before French consulates, demanding French colonies. What is your real opinion of such methods?

A. "It is never admissible, in fact, that diplomatic controversies can be twisted or troubled by angry popular demonstrations against embassies or consulates.

"Such disorders belong to an old democratic habit which



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ple, understandable... First, that we endeavour to make and mine is a policy of peace. It is keep peace by building and maintaining, brick by brick, stone by stone, a structure of peace, founded on realities rather than on dreams and visionary plans.

"I have insisted on being strong, but I have laboured to be generous." (p.206.)

"HAS HE really got to go, Lovell?"

"Yes, Miss, 'e 'as; your Pa says 'e 'asn't the 'orse for you, Missie, and 'e's about right, too. Can't take 'e corn, 'e can't. Not but what 'e's a nice little 'orse, like."

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Upon the barren ugliness of the Bowring Canal and the stark and hideous melancholy of Morrison Hill

Beyond and away there seems to lie the long lost glories of the old hill clothed in leafy verdure, surrounding the lovely houses built before the reign of the despotic King Clemen.

Again the vapour shifted, and again a vision. A pig-tailed little lady turns her gleaming, eager chestnut from the cobbled stable-yard and through the massive old timber gates into the fresh spring beauties of the glorious Middlesex lanes, almost devoid of traffic.

Old Lovell, creakingly mounting, follows on his fine, though ancient, black. Smartly they trot along the lanes, the chestnut, snuffing appreciatively the keen morning air, snatched at his bit, "ave a care, Missie, 'e's a mite fresh, like." They turn into the lime-lined, sun-checked ride, and canter out of ken.

The foreign policy of Italy, as directed by me, has been simplified.

A little bunch of students of form, complete with stopwatch, line the rails.

Two little beasts, chunky of head, bull-necked but narrow-chested, cow-hocked and hairy-heeled; one undersized and herring-gutted little grey, of such pathetic proportions that it seems a daring feat on the part of the broad-shouldered, largish-headed young six-footer to mount, much less to gallop.

Viewed full front, the rider's chest extends well beyond that of the pony, the whole effect strongly reminiscent of tourist and Egyptian donkey.

No symmetry of proportion, no semblance of "oneness" between horse and rider. But the purpose of the morning is more prosaic one than to please the critical eye of the beholder.

After the customary squealing, backsliding and twisting, the six are off and away, pelting round the cinder track. A test of lungs, equine or human. And, malformed as he usually is, the Mongolian can, if he feels inclined, move.

Now COME the Australians, mostly weedy and tucked-up animals, but one or two splendid creatures.

The full, intelligent eye, the fine coat, the springing pastern, the clean fetlock, the lean head, the sparse-haired tail—all eloquent of race.

Bright bay she is, her sloping shoulder gleams as gold. 14.2 she stands, splendidly built.

She turns a kind and docile eye upon her pink-faced, waiting owner; he slopes her shining neck, she noses round his well-built form. Polite evidently! He mounts with ease.

No fidgeting, turning, backing or strafing whining. Both in eager and willing anticipation of whatever the day may bring.

The gallops ended, steeds, heavily breathing, with out-stretched neck enjoy relief of freedom from the pressing bit. Riders dismount, and these too are perhaps a trifle blown, but radiantly cheerful.

I leave them to their respective

baths-down, bacon, eggs-and-coffee, and make my way to my own.

ALL MAGIC has now disappeared from the hill. Glaring light on barren rock; arid dust, Wan-chai rocks—and breakfast waits.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"A Class B picture—my mother-in-law!"

LAWLESSNESS OF THE WORLD

S. Africa Ready To Combat It

CAPE TOWN, Mar. 27.

"THERE is lawlessness abroad such as has not existed for a life time," declared General Smuts in an address to-day to the United Party.

He continued: "I feel we have suffered immeasurable loss in the downfall of the League of Nations. I am afraid the position may worsen, and I think we shall not emerge from the anarchy reign of brutal Powers until we have brought back to the round-table, the peoples of the world."

"South Africa was taken by surprise, but she is doing her best to repair the omission. As far as finances allow, and as far as we are assisted by Britain with the necessary weapons, we will move as fast as we can to put our house in order, and to watch our coasts in the air, and on the water."

"It is essential to keep the closest touch with our friends and associates in the British Commonwealth, but the surest shield for the independence of South Africa is the Royal Navy. Our freedom may be fought out on the ocean."

General Smuts concluded by saying that he did not despair. He believed that if they were determined to be just and fair, then finally they might hammer out some new order of things which would avoid the threatened destruction of civilisation.

ROY HOWARD'S VIEWS

New York, Mar. 27. The New York "World Telegram" to-day gives front page play to an uncensored dispatch from Mr. Roy Howard, Chairman of the Scripps-Howard newspapers who is at present in Paris.

"Hope for European peace lies in the Italian's dislike of an alliance with Hitler," said Mr. Howard.

The "World Telegram" also quotes an editorial from Mr. Howard, which says although he sounded a warning Mussolini "left the door open for peace." He indicated that a pacific solution is still possible although it may not remain so for ever.

In his dispatch from Paris, Mr. Howard says: "Before peace can successfully thrive the system of democracies must be put to a severe test. They must decide, in the atmosphere of war, whether they are willing to differentiate between dictators, whether in order to avoid war they are willing to attempt with Mussolini the policy of appeasement which failed so completely with Hitler."—United Press.

MUSSOLINI'S SPEECH

Reactions In United States

New York, Mar. 27.

THE NEW YORK "Herald-Tribune" warns against accepting the Duce's address as "moderate."

It points out that Hitler's moderate address on January 30 was followed by the absorption of Czechoslovakia. "Mussolini's pronouncement leaves the whole question open and ominous. It is a conventional example of an established technique," the Tribune declares.

The paper adds that none of the positive statements in the speech deserves the term "conciliatory" and that the address leaves Europe as it was before, lacking real security but apparently saved for the moment from a new crisis.—United Press.

WASHINGTON IMPRESSED

Washington, Mar. 27. The conciliatory tenor of Signor Mussolini's speech has favourably impressed officialdom and financial circles here inasmuch as it apparently opens the door for Franco-Italian conversations towards a possible solution of the Italian claims.

Most reliable sources here say that these have now been rendered easier through initial presentations.

Senator Claude Pepper, who often acts as spokesman for the Administration's foreign affairs, says that Mussolini's speech indicated that a peaceful settlement of the present crisis is possible.—United Press.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

wiggle mezzanine
gongkong terrible
guillotine floritorus

English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 9.

THE TRADE WAR IN EUROPE

Rumania Informs Britain Of Pact

LONDON, Mar. 27.

IN A STATEMENT in the House of Commons on the German-Rumanian trade agreement, the Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said that the Rumanian Government had informed His Majesty's Government that the agreement contained no political clause, and that Rumania had not signed away her economic independence.

At the end of his statement, Mr. Chamberlain said that extension of Anglo-Rumanian trade, and the promotion of better relations between the two countries was a matter to which His Majesty's Government attached the greatest importance.

BRITISH MISSION GOING

In this connection, the Premier mentioned the recent decision to despatch a British Commercial Mission.

The Rumanian Government is still anxious that the mission shall proceed, and of course, that is our intention," declared the Premier.

Rumania's agreement with Germany was in the nature of a comprehensive programme, Mr. Chamberlain continued, and its precise effect in practice would depend on the manner in which its provisions were carried out.

They must await developments before coming to any definite conclusion.

It appeared that Germany would co-operate in the development of existing Rumanian industries, and in the setting up of new ones, particularly in the field of agriculture, forestry, and mining.—Reuter.

NO RETRIBUTION

London, Mar. 27.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, answered in the affirmative when asked for an assurance that a review of the position necessitated by the recent changes in the international situation did not involve any retroactive economic measures against Germany.

Mr. Butler added that he would give consideration to the suggestion that his statement be included in the German documents from this country.

The view of the propaganda being made in Germany to the effect that Britain was endeavouring to secure the economic strangulation of Germany, whether in order to avoid war or they are willing to attempt with Mussolini the policy of appeasement which failed so completely with Hitler.—United Press.

Asked whether, in view of the deterioration of the international situation, steps should be taken forthwith to greatly enlarge the British army, Sir Victor Warrender said that the requirements in the present situation were contemplated in defence arrangements.—Reuter.

RUMANIA'S ACTION DEFENDED

Bucharest, Mar. 27.

A defence of Rumania's action in the recent crisis was made by M. Calinescu, the Rumanian Premier, in addressing the Supreme Council of the National Front to-day.

He said that Rumania was determined to defend her territory, and in the recent trade talks with Germany, the question of her independence was not raised, or she would have broken off negotiations.

Last autumn, Rumania was approached and invited to invade Ruthenia, but she refused.

When mobilisation was ordered recently, Rumania notified the Powers that she had decided to defend her territory, and had called several classes to the colours.

M. Gafencu, who followed, said that Rumania's relations with Poland and the Balkan Entente allies had recently been strengthened. He particularly mentioned the assurances received from Turkey during the recent crisis, and added that Rumania had been surprised by Count Csaky's speech of March 23. He said that Rumania was not frightened by Csaky, and did not intend to follow his type of argument.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S POLICY

London, Mar. 27.

In the House of Commons Mr. Chamberlain renounced the Munich methods and shied away at the Labour Party's suggestions that Britain should join the United States in economic retaliation against the "disturbers of peace," to which suggestion he made no reply.

However, the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler said the Government was unable to consider such a move because the United States offer of co-operation in economic activities of the League of Nations did not include such a clause.

Mr. Chamberlain told the Labour member Mr. Sorensen, that it would not "serve any useful purpose" for him to make contact again with "personal."

He said Rumania had assured Britain that the German trade agree-

Japan To Have Television

TOKYO, Mar. 28.
AS a prelude to the projected inauguration of television service in Japan in May, successful test broadcasts were made on Monday at the Research Institute of the Japan Broadcasting Association.

Prince Haruhiko Kanin, son of Field-Marshal Prince Kotohito Kanin, Chief of the Army General Staff, was among the guests of honour invited to witness the test broadcasts.—Domei.

Enough Bovril For Any Emergency

Chairman's Resolution At Annual Meeting

Presiding at the Forty-second Annual General Meeting of Bovril Ltd., held in London, recently the Lord Luke, K.B.E. (Chairman), after dealing with the Company's Accounts said he was on the high seas on his way home from America during the crisis last September, and on his arrival home in October he noticed in the papers a photograph of a collection of various packets of food products that had been collected for sale for charity. They were termed "hoarded goods" and there seemed to be more bottles of Bovril than any other product in the photograph. This was not surprising, but what was very surprising was that it should be considered hoarding for the housekeeper to purchase an extra stock of Bovril, unless she had done so in a hurry at the last minute.

The kind of hoarding which was objectionable was obviously that instantaneous rush, when a crisis arrived, to buy up and hoard away a large stock. On the other hand, to buy a reasonable stock of Bovril before a crisis arrived seemed a proper thing to do. Those who purchased Bovril for period ahead were actually leaving more chance in a crisis for those who had not got stocks to get what was available in the shops.

BOVRIL FOR EMERGENCIES

In September last year, Bovril Ltd. and its associates had in England about two years' nominal sales supply. At a time of crisis, however, it was obviously more difficult to cope with last-minute demands. Those, therefore, who were wise would do to it that they obtained extra supplies before a time of crisis and that they maintained these extra supplies in their store cupboards. Actually today the Company's supplies were even larger than they were in September last year and the Company was therefore capable of providing extra supplies, without dislocating normal distribution, for all those wise people who wished to have stocks of Bovril in store.

The Company would endeavour to see to it that the supplies of Bovril for ordinary everyday use as a beverage, for cooking, and for use in illness or convalescence, were sufficient, and they would actually be helped in this if people who could afford to lay in supplies laid them in and maintained them as a matter of course, without waiting for an emergency to arise.

INCREASED BOVRIL EXPORTS

In spite of the disturbed conditions of the world's trade, the Bovril export trade showed an increase over the previous year.

The Duke of Atholl (Vice-Chairman) said: The world was in a terrible state, morally, financially, and commercially, but the Company's product had won right through at every point during these difficult times because it was a genuine article. It was easy to handle, it kept well, and incidentally, he supposed, it was about the greatest comfort in times of adversity. It was very gratifying to know that their product was well received all over the world.

Northampton Man Dies

The death occurred at the War Memorial Hospital last night of Mr. Charles Read, an employee of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. Death was due to cardiac asthma.

The late Mr. Read was born in 1904 and came to the Colony in 1925, following his discharge from the Royal Artillery, to join the Hongkong Police Force. He left the Force in 1927 and then became associated with a number of firms including the St. Francis Hotel, Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Messrs. Leigh and Orange, Messrs. Millington, Ltd.; the New Zealand Petroleum, Forests, Vibro Piling Co., Messrs. Gibb, Livingston and Co., the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. and the Macao Waterworks.

A native of Northampton, he had been with the R.A.O.C. for only a few weeks. He is survived by his widow and children, all of whom are in the Colony.

The funeral takes place at 3.30 p.m. to-day.

ment did not contain any political clause.

Mr. Butler said the Government had not considered the possibility of an economic boycott of Germany. He also said they had not protested the occupation of Memel.

Meanwhile, European tension has slackened notably on account of the moderate tone of Mussolini's speech although an undertone of apprehension continues on account of the obscurity of Hitler's intentions.

United Press.

DOMINIONS MAY TAKE OVER OWN

DEFENCE SERVICE

LONDON, Mar. 27.

THE FORMIDABLE growth of German dominance in Europe lends heightened importance to the April 14 Defence Conference to be held at Wellington, the New Zealand capital.

Faced with Britain's preoccupation in Europe, both the antipodean Dominions must now reckon more than ever with the imperative necessity of making their own defences self-reliant.

The United Kingdom's delegates to Wellington will undoubtedly explore means of assuring the maximum dominion contribution to the security of the British Isles.

Whereas the Dominions would be able largely to trust to their own home sources for food in wartime, Britain herself would be obliged to import 50,000 tons of foodstuffs daily for 300 days a year.

EMPIRE SECURITY

Britain feels, moreover, that the Dominions owe an important contribution to the safety of the Motherland which provides the Navy for the Empire's security as well as the Imperial Airlines postal and other services at the cost of the British taxpayer.

Canada is regarded as being safe; South Africa is considered capable of repelling any serious raids from Germany or Italy while India is deemed to be out of reach of mass attack from the axis powers.

Australia and New Zealand, although remote from the main land, are nevertheless admitted to be more exposed to bombardment and invasion owing to their long coastlines and isolated positions.—United Press.

£10-a-head in Australia

SYDNEY, Mar. 27.
AUSTRALIA is to spend £63,000,000—equal to nearly £10 per inhabitant—by the year 1940-41 on strengthening her defences.

The Australian Navy vote is up from £15,033,000 to £20,548,000; the Army vote from £11,012,000 to £15,704,000; and the Air Force bill from £12,612,000 to £10,444,000.

The Australian Air Force has placed orders for bombers in Britain and the United States, and will soon total 212 warplanes. Its personnel will increase by 600 men a year for the next three years.

The standing army has been doubled—from 10,000 men to 20,000. In addition, a campaign, recently launched by Mr. Lyons, Federal Premier, to recruit a militia of 80,000 men, is expected to be completed in a few days.

VITAL FRENCH DECREES

PARIS, Mar. 27.
A SERIES of important decrees concerning national defence were decided upon at a meeting of the Council of Ministers to-day.

They include a decree to increase navy effectiveness, a decree amending the law governing naval recruiting, a decree for increasing the number of naval engineer effectiveness, a decree in relation to frontier defence, all the details of which are undisclosed, and a decree for industrial mobilisation.

At the same meeting, M. Bonnet made a statement regarding the international situation, and gave an account of his recent diplomatic conversations in London.—Reuter.

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The Manila Gold Share market closed very quiet on continued light trading. Prices were unchanged and fractionally down. San Mauricio declined 2 centavos to show the biggest loss, while IXL rose 1 centavo to regain the only gain. Atok went ex-dividend to close ½ centavos lower, as did Big Wedge. Benguet Consolidated also went ex-dividend to remain unchanged. Yesterday's volume in Pesos was 262,000.

The following is Swan, Culbertson & Fife's report of this morning's market:

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RUMJAHN COUSINS ENTER SEMI-FINAL OF DOUBLES COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP RESUMES WITH FOUR GOOD TIES

(By "Abe")

Held up for several days by rain last week, the Colony Tennis Championships resumed on the Hongkong C.C. courts yesterday with a programme of singles and doubles matches. The stand court was utilised for the first time in the current tournament, the match chosen for the opening being the quarter-final doubles tie between the Rumjahn cousins and two club-mates, I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu.

All four players being from the Indian R.C., the match naturally lost a bit of its interest. Nevertheless some good play was seen, with each pair shining in turn. While sustained rallies were few and far between, there were some snappy volleys, which were the chief feature of the match. Hard hitting also made the match entertaining to watch.

The cousins, as expected, won but not before their opponents had given a fairly good account of themselves. Had they not made as many mistakes as they did, Razack and Minu would have put up a much better fight; but a great weakness of theirs was to win a splendid rally only to lose the next point by a lamentable mistake.

Though they scored winners on many occasions with crisp volleys, the Rumjahn's were not as reliable off the ground as usual; yet their game was sound enough to enable them to win by 6-4, 7-5.

In each set, the winners led by 5-2.

OTHER MATCHES

In the other doubles match of the day, E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson played well enough to take the first set from Lim Thiam-tot and Stephen Wong, but thereafter they were out-classed by the better-balanced Chinese pair, who conceded only four games in the next two sets.

What was expected to be the best singles encounter of the day, between Ho Kiu-jau and W. C. Hung, was not played, the latter conceding a walk-over from W. C. Hung.

Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of matches played yesterday:

Open Singles

A. Crawford beat Peter U 6-0, 6-4.
J. M. Tomlinson beat Lam Kwan 6-3, 7-5.

Ho Kiu-jau received a walk-over from W. C. Hung.

Open Doubles

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu 6-4, 7-5.
Lim Thiam-tot and Stephen Wong beat E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson 5-7, 6-2, 6-2.

Tsui brothers, holders of the title and Omar Rumjahn and S. A. Hussain. The Tsuis should win fairly comfortably, but will probably have to play good tennis to do so.

The following is the programme: Open Doubles.—Tsui Wan-pui and Tsui Yun-pui v. O. Rumjahn and S. A. Hussain (stand court); Major F. C. Nottingham and Capt. R. B. Lecky v. Lt. D. C. Misra and Lt. S. M. Afzal.

Handicap Singles.—H. J. Armstrong v. R. M. King; H. D. Bidwell v. A. K. Mackenzie.

Handicap Doubles.—F. H. Stokes and M. M. Davies v. R. K. Valentine and L. M. S. Lloyd.

Mixed Doubles.—Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Walkden v. H. J. Scull and Miss G. Scull; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Beaven v. T. C. Monaghan and Miss J. Greig.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The stand-court attraction to-day is the doubles match between the



L.M.A. Razack (left) and A. R. Minu provided the opposition for the quarterfinals of the Colony Tennis doubles championship. The match, which opened the stand court at the Hongkong Cricket Club, was won by the cousins in straight sets. Staff Photographer.

Here And There With "Abe"

Chinese Soccerites Have Good Week-End

THE week-end was a triumph for Chinese footballers in Hongkong. On Saturday, South China "A" defeated Kowloon by three goals to nil in the First Division of the League, and with the two points gained, have overtaken the Royal Navy, who have had the lead for so many months. Thus the South China "A" need only a draw in their last match with the sailors to win the League Championship, which was carried off by the "B" team last year. On top of the South China success, the Chinese won the Lal Wah Cup on Sunday, beating the Civilians by four goals to two. This trophy is only the first of the many which I think the Chinese will carry off this year. The South China "A" have not only great opportunity of winning the League but the Shieh as well, their opponents in the final being the Police, who surprisingly defeated them in the League fortnight ago. Then there is the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup, in which the Chinese will play the Portuguese in the final. I am sure the Portuguese players will not feel offended if one were to say that the Chinese are expected to win. The Kotewall Cup too may go to the Chinese, who in present form seem an immensely better team than either the Navy or the Army.

Wolves' Task

WOLVERHAMPTON Wanderers, the team of the year, have a great chance to equal a 42-year-old record. Not since 1896-97 has a club won the league championship and the F.A. Cup in the same season. There is no reason why Wolverhampton, who last won the Cup 31 years ago, should not emulate Aston Villa's feat this season. They have been the only team to run true to form in the F.A. Cup up to date, and have a great chance of beating Portsmouth in the final. The third hour produced 16½ miles, the remaining 4½ miles taking up 18 mins. 30 secs. A gear of 74" was used, and no mechanical trouble experienced.

TIMES taken at the 5-miles' points were as follows, the section times being given in brackets—5 miles: 20.18.; 10 miles—39.44. (19.26); 15 miles—57.22. (17.38); 20 miles—14.00. (10.38.); 25 miles—130.41. (15.41.); 30 miles—147.36. (16.53.); 35 miles—204.39. (17.03.); 40 miles—22.16. (17.37.); 45 miles—240.03. (17.47.); 50 miles—301.13. (21.10.); 54 miles—318.39. (17.16.).

No social activities were promoted by the Club during the past week. This week's programme includes, however, a 2-hours' training session on Wednesday, March 20, from the Methodist Church, Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, at 6 p.m., sharp, and on Sunday next a social run which will leave the Alhambra Theatre, Kowloon, at 9.30 a.m., for Shataukok, via Fanling.

Bowls In Shanghai

AWN Bowls League competition in Shanghai during the coming season is almost certain to revert to the time-honoured basis of two divisions with teams comprising three rinks each. Owing to the unusual circumstances that prevailed last year, it was found necessary to conduct only one division while teams consisted of four rinks each. The feeling is now prevalent in most clubs, however, and especially among those whose playing material is limited, that three rinks would be a more practical form of competition. Clubs, whose numerical superiority permits them to employ additional rinks, will be entitled to enter more than one team in each division. No decision has yet been made, but judging from the sentiments echoed at the annual general meeting of the Shanghai L.B.A., held last week, the old basis of two divisions with teams of three rinks each will be adopted.

Sports Magazine

THE second issue of *Sportsman*, the new weekly sporting magazine, made its appearance over the weekend. Well-printed on good paper, the new number contains articles on tennis, football, cricket, golf and boxing and other material of interest to all sportsmen. The magazine is sold for ten cents a copy.

Drawn Match In Rugby League

LONDON, Mar. 27. In the Rugby League, Wakefield Trinity and Featherstone played a drawn game to-day, neither side scoring.—Reuter.

Coach May Travel With British Track Team To America

(By R. Maillard Stead)

London.

When a squad of ten British track athletes visits New York in mid-July, it may differ from all previous such parties by having with it a paid coach. For prominent officials of the English Amateur Athletic Association are urging in the council-chamber that Britain should depart from her customary method of team preparation and should fall into line with other countries by engaging the services of an expert trainer, charged with the duties of putting final touches to the selected athletes' training and advising them as they go into competition. Official decision on the subject is not expected for several weeks.

To-night's Badminton Programme

A good badminton programme has been arranged for to-night at Tinkoo in the Colony Championships.

The programme will commence at 8 p.m. with the Men's Junior Singles semi-final match between D. Kwok and P. Lo, to be followed at 8.30 with the Mixed Doubles semi-final between P.-K. Hui and Miss Ulian Kho. The holders, and K. L. Wong and Miss W. Cheung. At 9 p.m. the other Mixed Doubles semi-final tie, between C. Au and Miss A. C. Remedios, and M. A. Olvera and Miss M. Silva will be played.

The men's doubles semi-final between P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim, of the University, and C. Au and F. Koh, of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., originally arranged for to-morrow at the Club de Recreio, has been postponed to Wednesday, April 5 on the same court. Lim is indisposed.

NATIONAL WINNER WELCOMED

DUBLIN, Mar. 27. A great welcome was extended to the horse Workman, which won the Grand National, when it arrived today in Dublin.

Hundreds of dockers cheered as the horse left the ship, and a band accompanied Workman as it proceeded through the streets of Dublin to entrain for County Kildare.

Upon arrival at Kildare, where business was suspended for the day, two bands and thousands of the inhabitants accompanied the horse to its training quarters.—Reuter.

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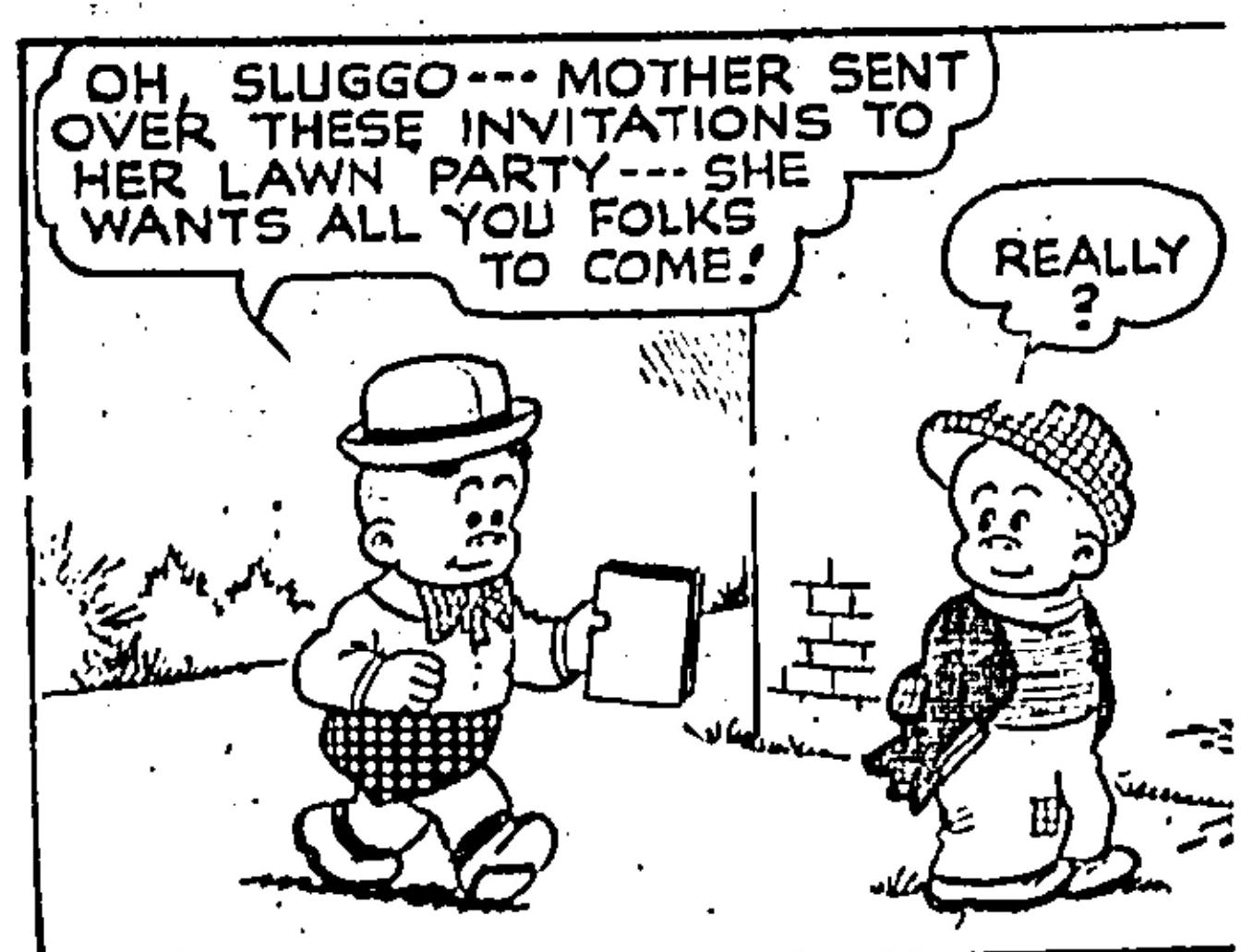
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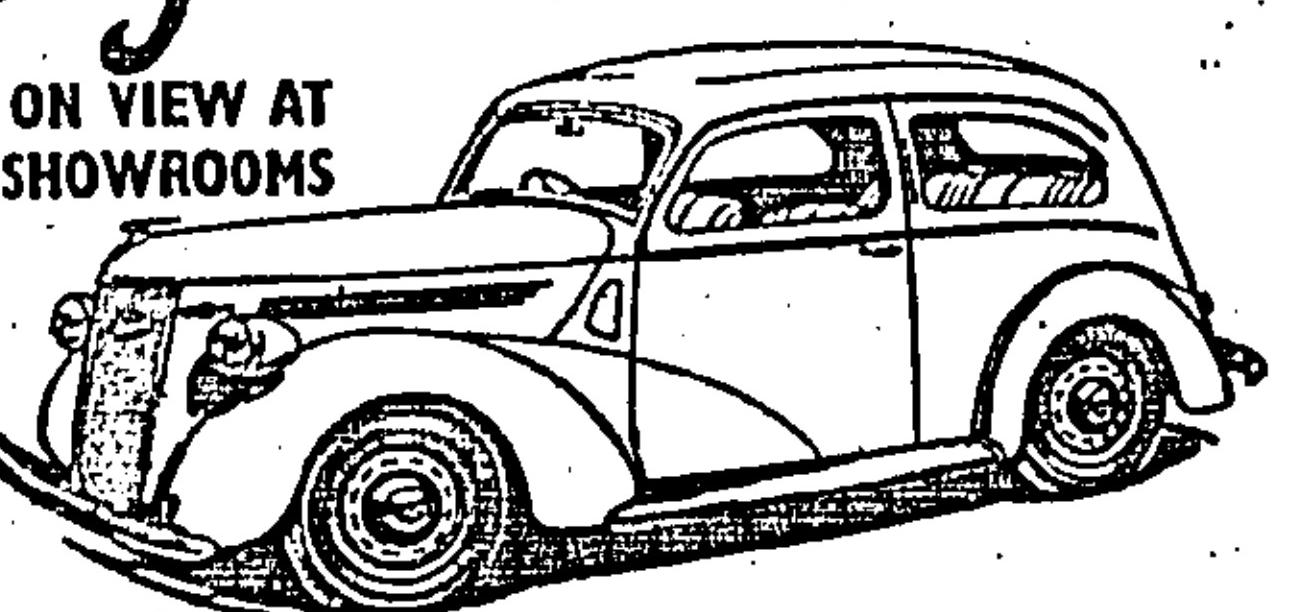
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England Team To Play Scotland

The English football team to oppose Scotland at Hampton Park on April 15 will be as follows:

Woodley (Chelsea); Morris (Wolverhampton), Haggard (Arsenal), Capt.; Willingham (Huddersfield); Cullis (Wolverhampton), Mercer (Everton); Matthews (Stoke), G. Hall (Tottenham), Lawton (Everton), Goulden (Manchester City) and Brook (Manchester City). — Reuter.

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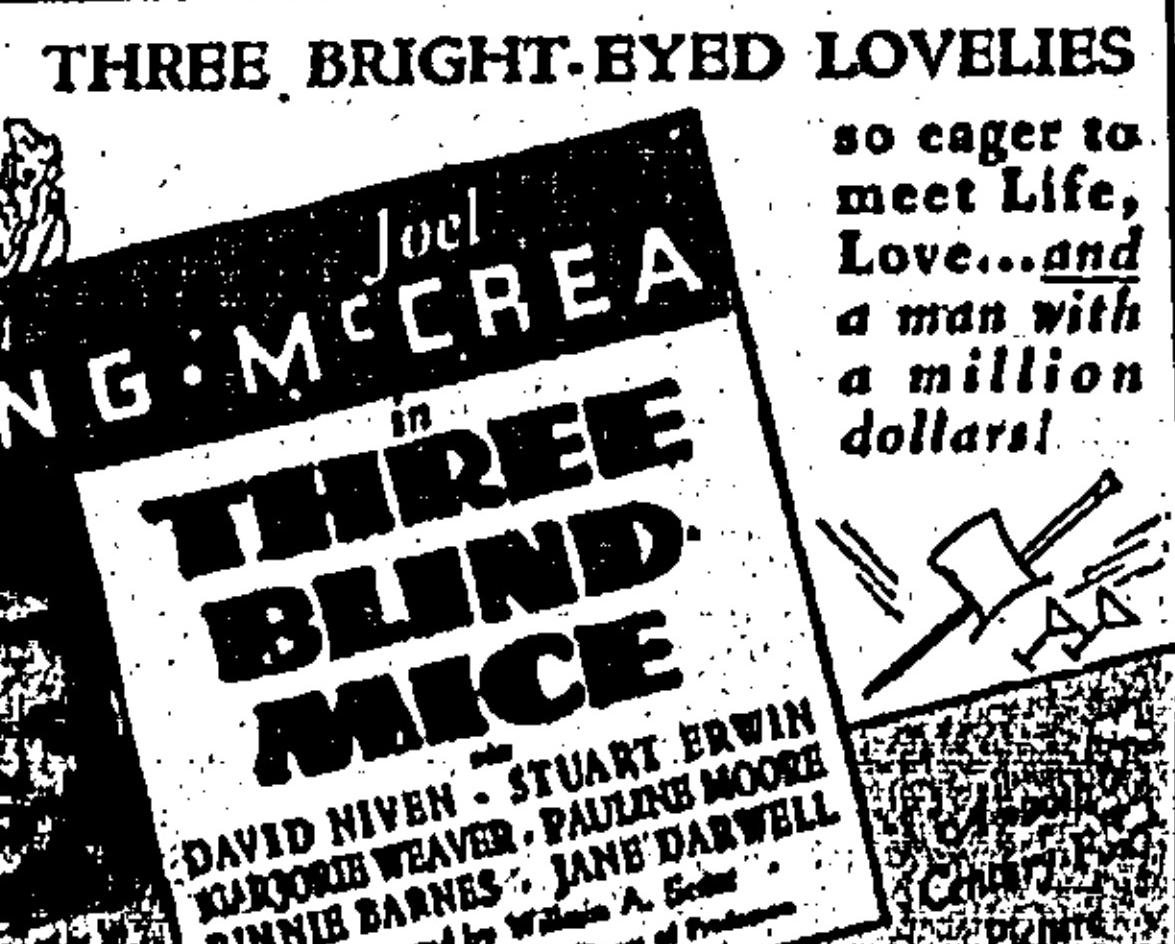
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Sunday's Shoot Given Bisley Atmosphere

Attendance Better Than Anticipated: Two New Members

The attendance at the shoot on Sunday morning was far better than anticipated, there being about 122 members out for the team's spoon, and pool ball shoots.

With a view to the forthcoming prize meeting, the programme was arranged to include one or two minor Bisley Rules, giving these members not familiar with Bisley conditions a slight Bisley atmosphere. The sudden firing points were the cause of many bad shots, and many promising scores were ruined by a disastrous wind at 600 yards.

The team shoot was won by the Stonecutters Naval Range Staff by a short lead from the Middlesex Regiment "A" team.

The troophip Lancashire has brought two new members in Lieutenants Olwin and Russell of the Royal Engineers who started well—the former scoring a pool ball and the latter who is a winner of the Sunday Times Public Schoolboys' Prize, scored 88 with S.R. (a) Rite. The Troophip is taking away one of the most popular members, Marine Heather, who after he had presented the prizes yesterday voiced his regret at having to leave the Colony though he was not going to make a clean out from the H.K.R.A. as he was hoping to represent the Home Branch at Bisley this year.

L/Cpl. Brightly, S.R. (a), with two scores of 23 failed at 600 yards, scoring only 17 thus spelling what might have been a really good S.R. (a) score.

Leading scores of the Sunday Shoot were as follow:

S.R. (b)	200	500	600	Tls.
Sgt. G. Robert (b)	29	33	33	95
Sub. Lt. A. J. B. Morahan (Scr.)	32	33	29	94
Sub. Lt. B. J. B. Morahan (Scr.)	31	31	30	92
P.O. G. Dawson (S.R.)	32	32	30	94
P.O. G. Clark (Scr.)	32	32	29	92
Sgt. V. Cooper (Scr.)	31	32	32	95
Sgt. K. C. Wong (5)	31	32	92	

Team Shoot Results:

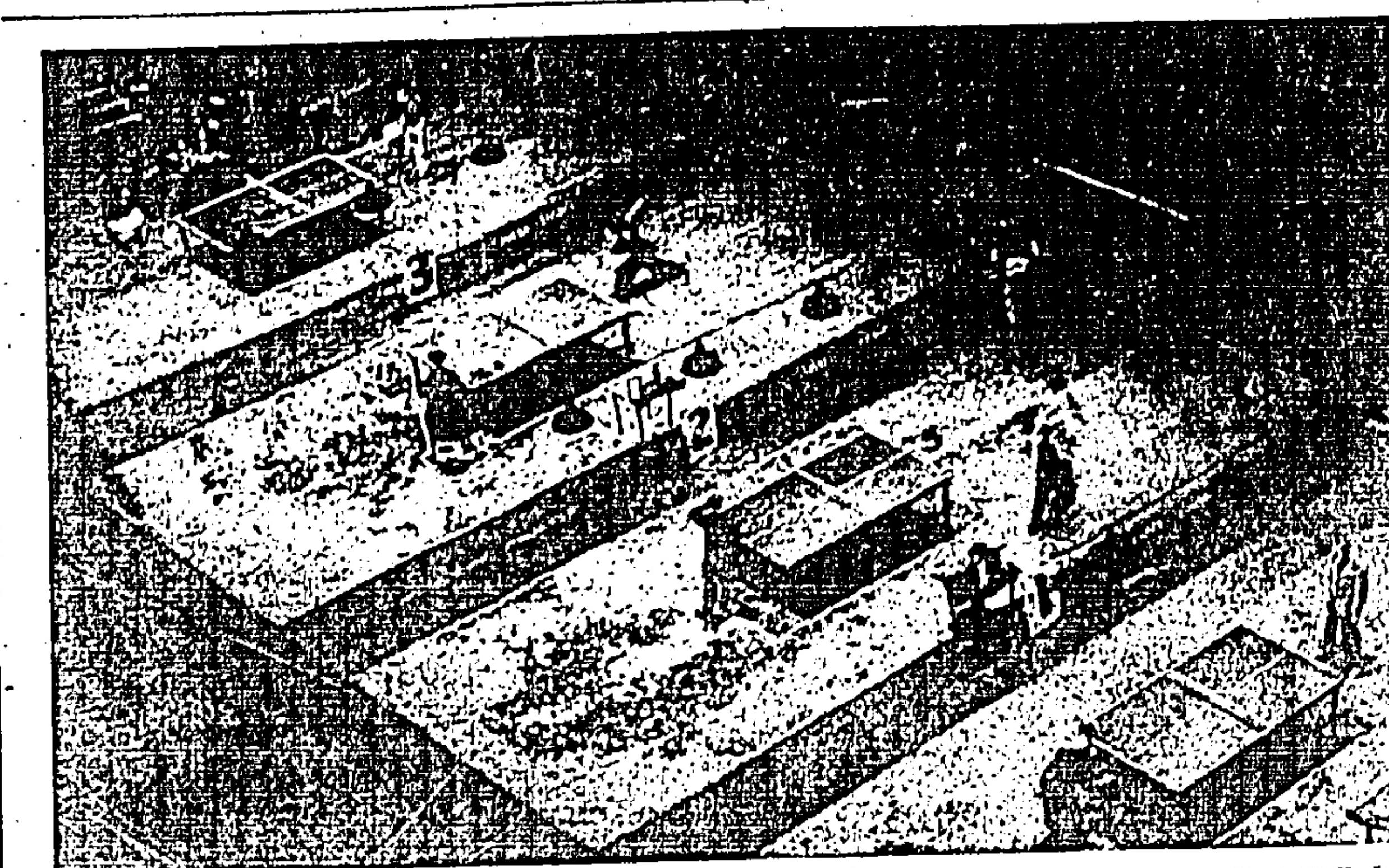
Grand Total	200	500	600	Tls.
R.N. Regt. Staff	203.71	100.99	100.50	479.28
Mid. "A"	102.03	103.68	100.14	370.43
R.E.	100.04	100.74	100.00	301.78
Police	100.00	100.00	100.00	300.00
N.M. Police	100.23	100.67	175.00	362.32
Mid. "B"	100.07	102.04	150.01	352.00

The following were the leading scores of the Spoon Shoot held at Stonecutters last weekend:

S.R. (b)	200	500	600	Tls.
Capt. F. P. Sequira (Scr.)	30	31	35	96
P.O. J. C. Swan (Scr.)	32	32	33	97
Mrs. G. M. Milne (S.R.)	32	32	30	94
L/Cpl. G. Ribeiro (3)	31	31	31	93
Capt. A. G. Mackenzie (3)	32	20	32	92
Kennedy (3)	32	20	32	92
S.R. (a)	30	32	32	94
Capt. V. M. Hammond (3)	30	20	32	82
P.O. G. Dawson (3)	32	32	29	93
P.O. G. Clark (Scr.)	32	32	29	92
Sgt. J. B. Mackle (Scr.)	32	32	29	92
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ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.—A general view of the scene at the Royal Albert Hall during the start of the English Table Tennis Championships recently. Many continental players took part in the tournament.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS ARE DECIDED

La Salle College Athletic Meet

Additional events in connection with the La Salle College annual athletic meeting were run off yesterday. The following were the results:

400 Metres (Midget).—1. A. Ruyters; 2. Wong Kong-yuct; 3. E. Tavares.

Inter-Class Relay (Senior).—1. A. Ruyters; 2. Wong Kong-yuct; 3. E. Tavares.

Inter-Class Relay (Junior).—1. A. Ruyters; 2. Wong Kong-yuct; 3. E. Tavares.

Inter-Class Relay (Junior).—1. A. Ruyters; 2. Wong Kong-yuct; 3. E. Tavares.

Inter-Class Relay (Midget).—1. S.A. Chua.

Boards' Race (Senior).—1. A. Gottsch; 2. A. Tan; 3. A. Oliveira.

Boards' Race (Midget Handicap).—1. A. Ruyters; 2. J. Matute; 3. L. Chua.

Cubs' Race.—1. L. Matute; 2. E. Sanz.

1,500 Metres (Challenge Cup) presented by the Wing On Co.—1. A. Sequira; 2. P. J. Jorge; 3. L. Silva.

Time:—5 mins. 18 2/3 sec. (Record).

Tug of War (Inter-Class Junior).—Won by 3A.

Tug of War (Inter-Class Senior).—Won by Matri.

Senior Individual Champion.

Ronald Castro.

Junior Individual Champion.—A. Mackenzie.

Midget Individual Champion.—A. Ruyters.

Inter-Class Champions.—2A. Runners-up Commercial.

CRICKET MATCH CANCELLED

The whole-day cricket match arranged for Sunday between the Kowloon C.C. and the Hongkong C.C. has been cancelled.

SPORT ADVTS

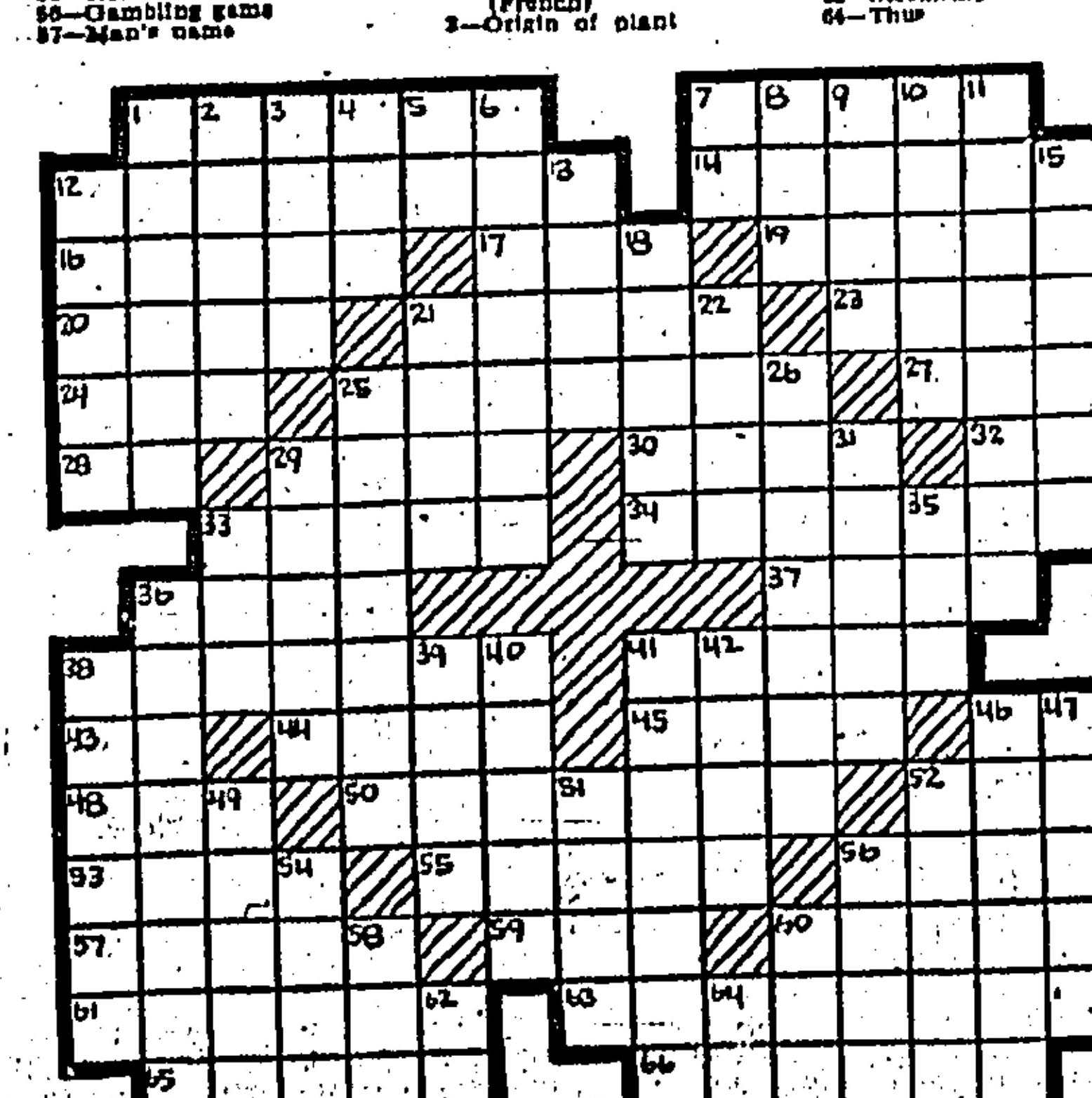
THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 8th and Monday, 10th April, 1939, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 30th March, 1939.

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TELEGRAMS

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1889.
W. S. Gilbert, it is well known, likes to design the dresses of the women in his plays. He says: "I abhor bustles, improvements, tight-lacing and all such abominations, and I think that women's dress should fall in natural folds to the figure."

It is stated that while at Eton Mr. Gladstone was only flogged once, and that was for refusing to betray a school-fellow who got into trouble.

Thus the San Francisco *News Letter*:—"Chinamen and Britshers seem to be running a race for unpopularity just at present, with the chances of the largest measure of success being in favour of the Britshers."

The *Independent Post* tells the terrible fate of a congregation of church-goers, who, on being called to rise and receive the benediction, found themselves glued fast to the seats with the new varnish that had not quite dried. All that before was the effect of absolute unity, and now no one was harmonious in purpose. A frantic chase resulted in a race; but there was not a whole coat or dress in this congregation. Silk and broadcloth upholstered every seat, and the horrified people rushed into the streets holding their hands over the most exposed parts. The benediction was a failure.

The *Imperialist* has been on the other side of the island that week, penetrating her guns and torpedoes. She caused great consternation amongst the villagers at Aberdeen and Stanley when she tried up her torpedo-netting, they thought she was fishing, and the beach was covered with groups of fishermen, awaiting the wholesale capture of their lawful prey.

The greatest national debt among the nations of the globe is borne by France. It is about £1,600,000,000. Russia comes next with £600,000,000, then England with £500,000,000; Austro-Hungary with £201,000,000; Italy with £150,000,000; Spain with £101,000,000, and Prussia with £20,000,000.

Comparatively with the present day, France owes £2,680,000,000; Russia owes £1,425,074,000, what she will probably never pay; Britain owes £1,184,085,000 and is borrowing another £100,000,000. (As much again as the total debt of 50 years ago); Hungary owes £100,000,000; Italy, £95,000,000; Spain owes £80,000,000 before the Civil War, and Germany owes £204,450,000.—ED.)

25 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1914.
ARMY V. PARLIAMENT AND PEOPLE

More Party Heat in the Commons
FIELD MARSHAL SIR JOHN FRENCH RESIGNS

In the House of Commons Mr. Austin Chamberlain, chairman of the Cabinet Select Committee on a put-up job, and said that Colonel Seely has prepared the paragraphs which the Government now repudiated, in consultation with Lord Morley. If these Ministers remained, then the paper which they approved was binding on their colleagues.

Mr. Winston Churchill, who was cheered upon rising, interrupted, and repudiated Mr. Chamberlain's "inaults." He said that Lord Morley had never revised nor examined the two paragraphs which he had referred to. He mentioned that the paper, which was ordered to be withdrawn, on the 11th Inst., would remain there during the crisis, and went on to declare that the great issue of the Army versus Parliament—and the People—had been raised, and every effort had been made to show that it was always right to shoot a Radical in a water.

Telegrams from Dublin and the Curragh state that the majority of the cavalry officers reiterate their determination to resign rather than act against Ulster.

Field Marshal Sir John French has resigned.

10 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1929.
The War Office announces that the North and South China Commands will be amalgamated in the course of next month. Major-General A. G. Wardrop, at present commanding the British troops in North China, will return Home and the combined Command will be assumed by Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who has just taken over the South China Command from Major-General C. C. Luard. Major-General Sandilands, who is in command of the British Staff, The Shanghai area will be commanded as at present by Brigadier-General D. C. Borrett, who has been in command of the 14th Infantry Brigade, Shafeshore, since 1927. The Tientsin area will be commanded by Brig.-Gen. Ronald M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., who has been Officer Commanding, North China, since 1926.

The encroachment of a watchman in dropping a lighted cigarette and among a pile of inflammable to be responsible for the devastating fire which has almost completely destroyed the newest new German plant in Europe in the Ithilm and Voss ship-yard.

The National Government in a proclamation officially declaring war in Wuhan accuses Marshal Li Chai-sun, General Li Chung-hai and General Poi Chung-hai of conspiracy against the Nanking regime, and a veiled threat of punishment is directed against those concerned to friends of Marshal Li Chai-sun, who is a prisoner at Nanking.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has left for Kuklun to direct operations. Already 60,000 troops are reported to be moving against Liang-ching-hai and Changsha, while 10,000 others are to press forward against Wuhan.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek will personally direct the right flank, and Hankow is to be attacked from Anhui.

5 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1934.
Important developments in the direction of security undertakings between Britain and France may possibly follow the conference which the French Ambassador, M. Georges Mandel, had with Sir John Simon last evening.

It is learned, exclusively, that the conversation centred round the question of what further guarantees France would require in order to modify her attitude towards the British draft Disarmament Agreement, and that negotiations for tightening up Britain's commitments may follow.

This is interpreted as Britain's final effort to secure a settlement in Europe—although there is no indication of what concessions Britain may make to meet France's demands.

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CLEAN frosted glass with a handful of Epsom-salt in warm water. Rub dry with a cloth or leather.

BRASS ornaments. If badly tarnished, first clean with a cut lemon dipped in coarse salt. Rinse, dry and polish with metal polish. Clean off the old lacquer from shabby lacquered brass bedstead with a mixture of turpentine and powdered bath-brick, clean with metal polish, then give a new coat of lacquer.

CARPETS which cannot be taken up should be thoroughly cleaned with the vacuum cleaner, then rubbed over with a cloth wrung out in equal parts of boiling water and vinegar.

COVERS oil or grease stains with a thick paste of Fuller's earth and with water, leave to dry, then brush off.

DISTEMPERED walls. Rub down with a pad made of old lace or net to remove surface dust. Washable in powdered magnesia for a few hours.

EIDERDOWNS, to dry clean. Brush thoroughly, then sprinkle sheets of newspaper thickly with starch, put the eiderdown on them sal volatile.

KITCHEN tables, to whiten. Scrub with a mixture of $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. soft soap, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. silver sand and six tablespoons starch.

LINOLEUM. Clean first with turpentine, wash with soapy water, then rub over with boiled starch. When dry, polish with wax floor polish.

Worn linoleum can be re-surfaced with a liquid preparation. There is also a transparent grade for reviving patterned linoleums.

MARBLE. Black shoe polish give a glossy finish to black marble man-

tel-pieces and clocks. Use sparingly and polish with a soft duster.

NET curtains. To tint faded net a creamy colur, mix a teaspoonful of powdered yellow ochre with a little cold water, strain through muslin and add to starch or last rinsing water.

OXYDISED bronze or silver. Clean with a cloth soaked in linseed or olive oil or with vaseline. Afterwards polish with furniture cream.

PAINT. Clean matt paint with a cloth wrung out in hot water and dipped in whitening, rinse with warm water and dry with a soft cloth.

Add two tablespoonsfuls of ammonia to warm, soapy water for glossy paint. Dry, then polish with a trace of furniture cream.

QUANTITIES can be fairly accurately measured if you remember that wool. Start with clean mops and the average pall holds two gallons of clusters and sprinkle them with a water, and that a heaped tablespoonful of little paraffin beforehand. They will liquid and a heaped tablespoonful of pick up dust and help to put on the powder each equal to one ounce.

RUGS. It is possible to wash fur. You will find it helpful to make a ash and sheepskin rug in warm soap suds of soaps and polishes required, like lather. Remove bucking, squeeze which will cave running out for out surplus water, rub with old towels gotten items. Furniture cream, wax and hang over the line to finish dry. Floor polish, red, the polish, metal ink. They can also be dry cleaned and silver polish, soap flakes and with hot bran, which is rubbed well powder and a non-abrasive cleaning jobs.

ZINC baths and draining boards can be made shining with a paste of damp cloth when cleaning the paint, rinse with hot water and dry.



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Short Cuts

A dress that is to be remodelled has to be ripped carefully. Use a sharp knife or pointed scissors in ripping seams apart and be sure you do not stretch the material, especially at the neck and armholes.

Views were exchanged on the international situation, and personal contact has been established for co-operation in international affairs.—Reuter.

Try putting yellowed ivory in the sun to dry after washing with soap and water. After several treatments of this kind they should begin to grow whiter.

Centenary Postage Stamps For U.K.

On the occasion of the introduction of postage stamps into Britain in 1840, the Post Office will issue four commemorative stamps of $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 1½d, and 2½d denominations.

Designs have been invited from 30 artists, and bodies representing the art industry will be asked to advise in connection with the judging of the designs.—Reuter.

Gold Exports To Czechoslovakia

The Czechoslovak Restriction on Banking Accounts Bill passed its third reading to-day and received the Royal Assent.—Reuter.

Tuesday,

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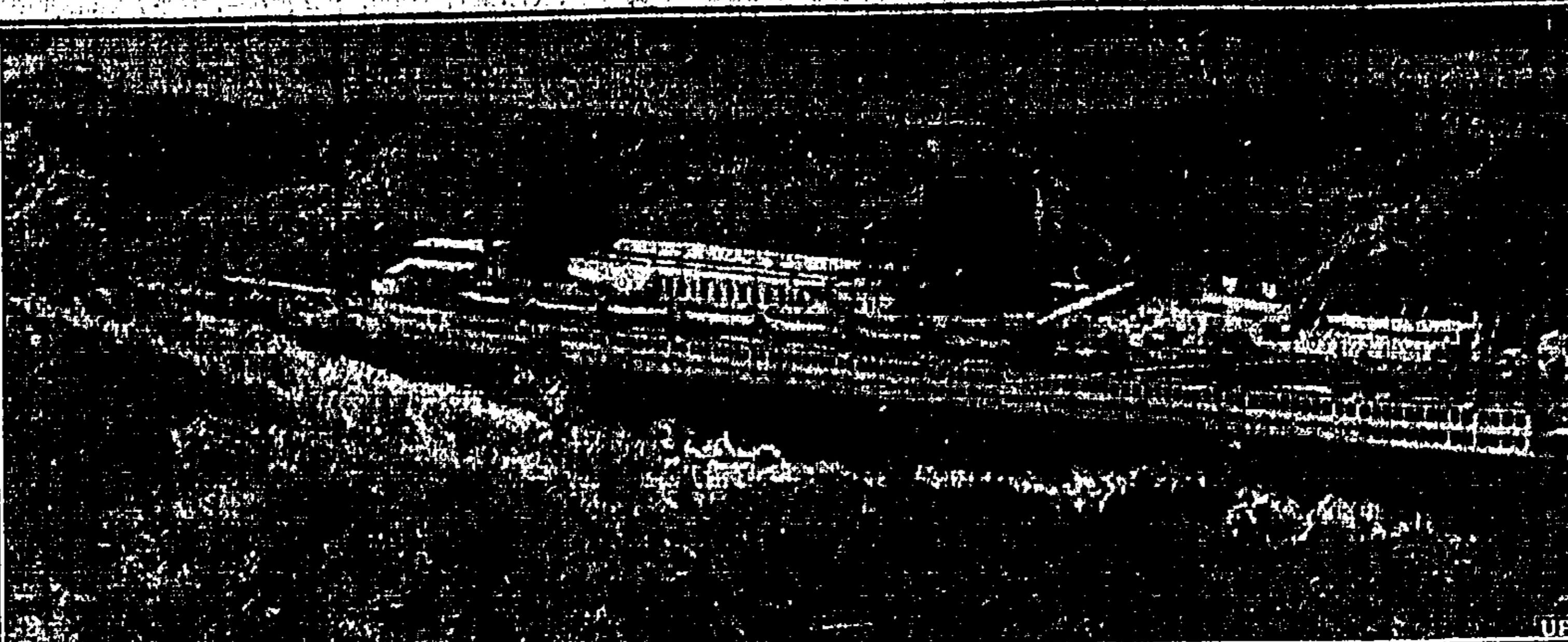
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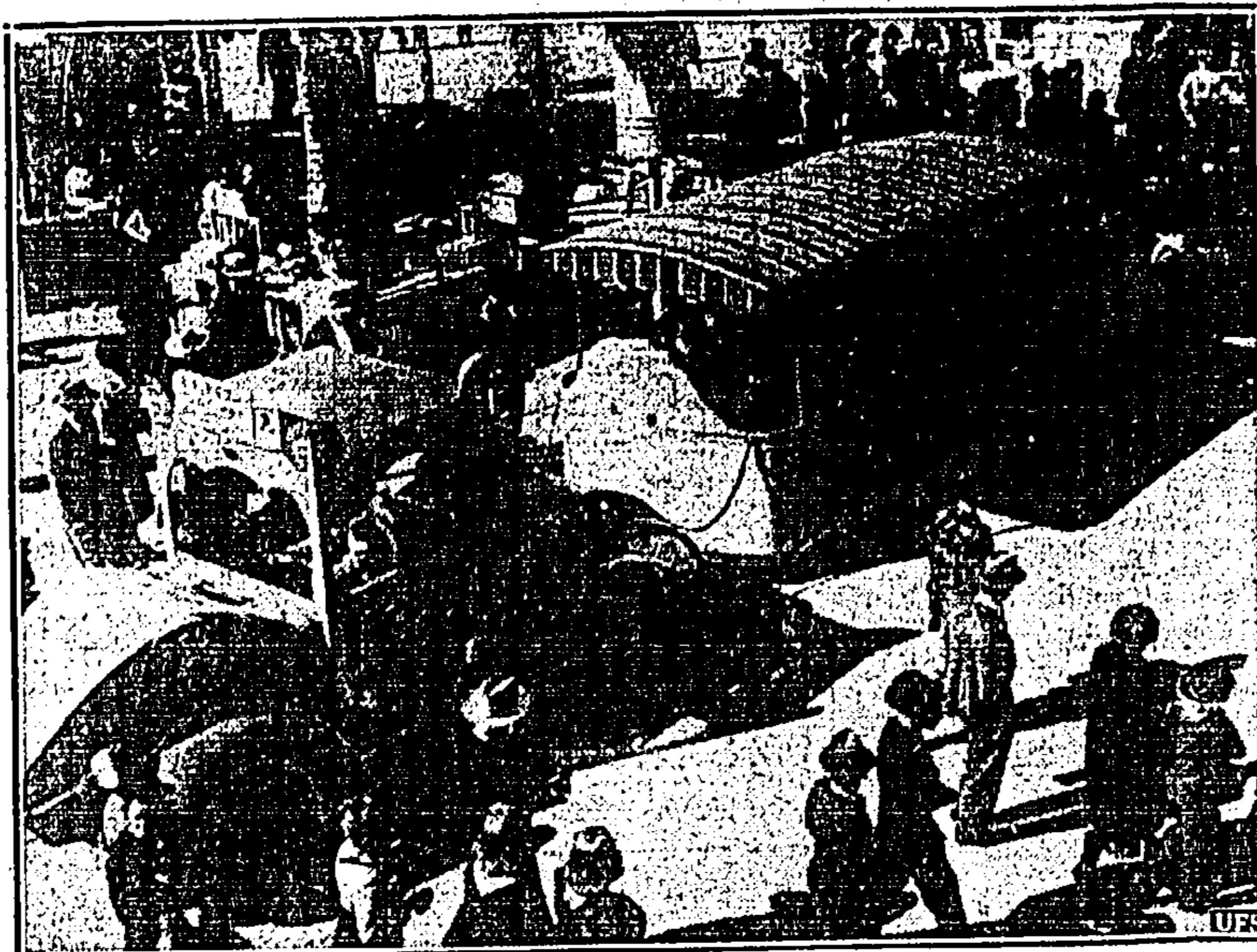
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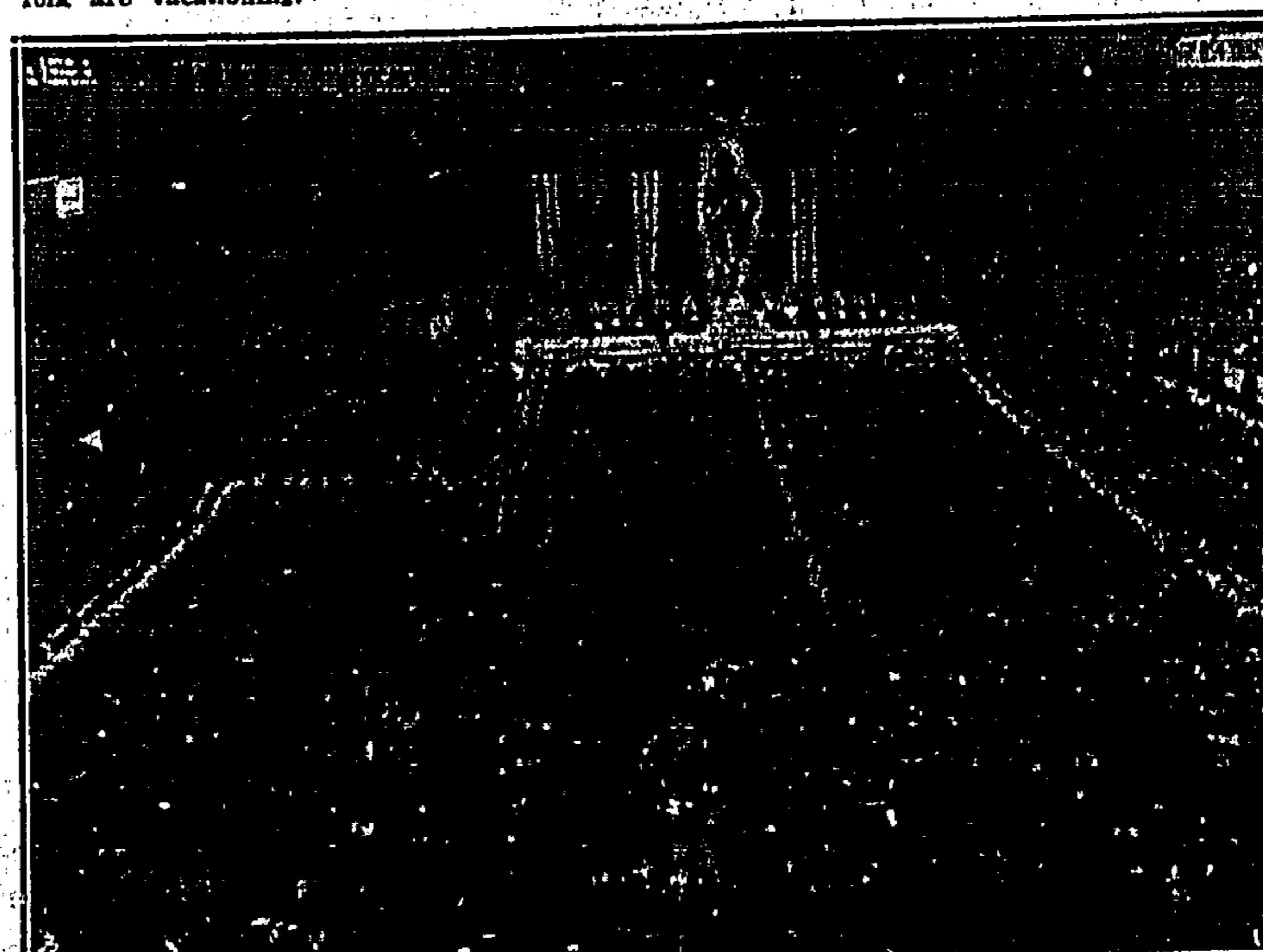
This is no landlocked ship, but the 51,000-ton German liner Bremen attempting to pass through Gaillard Cut of the Panama Canal, while on a southern cruise. She was the largest ship ever to negotiate the canal and the passage was a tight squeeze, as may be seen here. The ship took nearly 12 hours to pass through the canal.



Bright skies, balmy weather and a vast crowd saw the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition off to a grand start, on Treasure Island, San Francisco Bay. Here is one of the elephant trains, with tusks protruding near the headlights, that help to relieve tired feet.



Striking two-piece sun suit is shown by Mrs. Richard E. Beck of Chicago, as she strolls at the Sun and Surf Club at Palm Beach, Fla., where many society folk are vacationing.



Scene in Madison Square Garden, New York, when 22,000 persons assembled at the German Bund's "American" rally and celebration of Washington's birthday. Huge picture of Washington backed the stage.

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BRITAIN & THE FAR EAST**Soviet May Insist On "Halt Japan" Move As Reward For Assistance**

A CONFERENCE in the Foreign Office to-day between Lord Halifax and the Chinese Ambassador shows that Britain is closely following events in the Far East, despite its pre-occupation in Europe.

It is understood that they discussed the possible repercussions of the growth of German power with regard to Japan as a partner to the Axis, since Lord

Halifax is aware that Japan's Iron Hand in China may now be more free, due to both Britain and France being immersed in European affairs.

The British Ambassador to Tokyo will leave Yokohama on Saturday next aboard the Empress of Canada for Shanghai, where he will confer for several days with the British Ambassador to China.

be accompanied by similar "Halt Japan" measures.

The reports that military and diplomatic negotiations are proceeding in Berlin and Tokyo are causing increased British vigilance.

One section of the British Government still believes that in the event of war influential Japanese leaders will try provisionally to maintain Japanese neutrality.

Others are convinced that Japan will inevitably enter a war if Russia is involved.

However, it is generally admitted that the attitude of the United States will be vital to Japan's ultimate decision.—United Press.

FAR EAST IMPLICATIONS

It is also believed that the British commercial mission to Moscow is examining Far Eastern implications in the present crisis.

It is known that Russia is insisting that any "Halt Hitler" plans should

KIANGSI BATTLE**Thousand Shells An Hour On Wuning**

A PITCHED BATTLE is now raging on the outskirts of Wuning, the centre of the Chinese defence lines in western Kiangsi.

Japanese shock troops are launching wave after wave of bayonet charges in an effort to storm the Chinese positions.

The Japanese are reported to be using gas.

Artillery and aerial bombardments are proceeding on a colossal scale. One report states that the Japanese are pouring a thousand shells an hour into the Chinese trenches, while aeroplanes are roaring overhead in a relentless procession.

The Chinese are offering stubborn resistance, an iconic Japanese communiqué admitted at 10 a.m.

POSITIONS HELD

A Chinese claim states that, despite the intensity of the Japanese attack, all Chinese positions are being held.

Severe fighting is raging at Wan-shoukung, Wankuo and Lohu, west of Nanchang, where the Chinese forces have dug in after evacuating the capital.

The Chinese have counter-attacked at Anyi in an effort to break the Japanese lines, and a communiqué issued at noon reports that Phoenix Hill, Tiger Hill and Chenkiashan have been recaptured.

The Chinese report admits, however, that the Japanese have succeeded in crossing the Kun River near Wuning.

RAILWAY CUT

The Chekiang-Kiangsi railway, linking Nanchang with the Canton-Hankow Railway at Changshu, has been cut by the Japanese. The Japanese are now straddling the line about fifteen miles from Nanchang at a place called Shengmikelai.

Bitter fighting is raging along the tributaries of the Feng River, east of the Kan River.

Tsingan, about 40 miles north-west of Nanchang, has fallen, according to Japanese reports.

BLANK-RANGE POUNDING

At 3 o'clock this afternoon, a Japanese communiqué claimed that the last Chinese defences to Wuning had fallen.

The Japanese claim that they are within one mile of the city wall, which has almost completely disappeared as a result of the intense bombardments.

The Japanese artillery has been moved to within three miles of the city, and is pouring a relentless stream of shells into the streets. Ihsiaochwang, four miles east of Wuning, has disappeared, replaced by a poet-mark of shell craters reminiscent of the western front. A Japanese naval flotilla to-day joined in the campaign by steaming up Lake Poyang and attacking Wuchengchen, on the western shore of the lake.

One lone Japanese warship has, according to a Japanese communiqué, succeeded in penetrating ten miles up the Shushui River, ten miles above Wuzech, where a detachment of marines has been landed.

The objective of this drive is not disclosed.

Changyikai, fifteen miles south of Wucheng, has been occupied.

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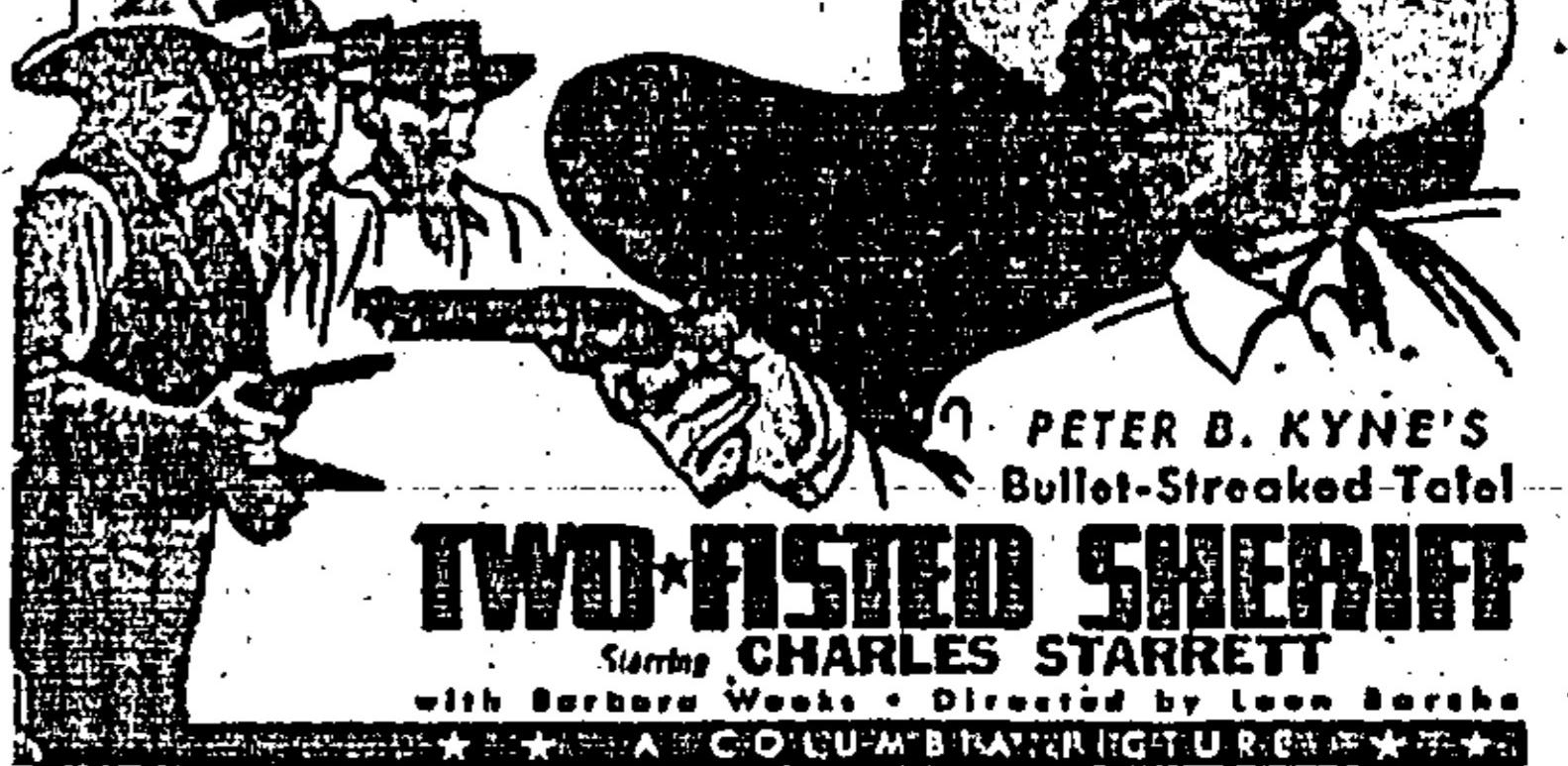
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